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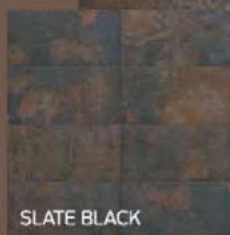
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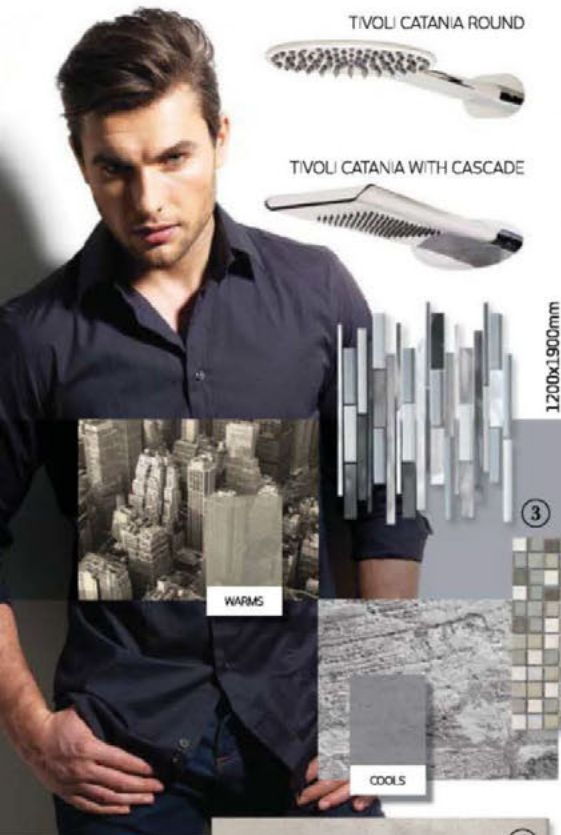


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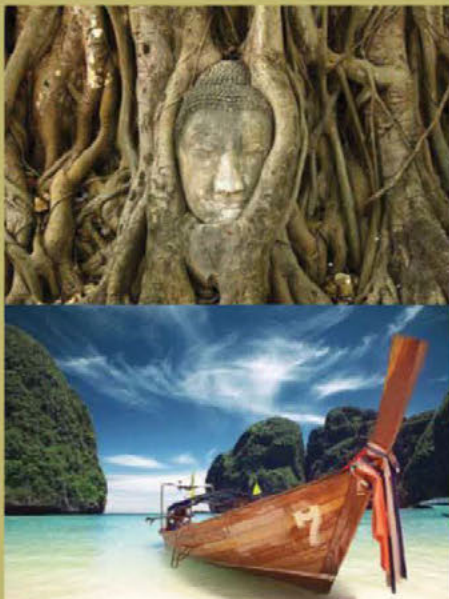
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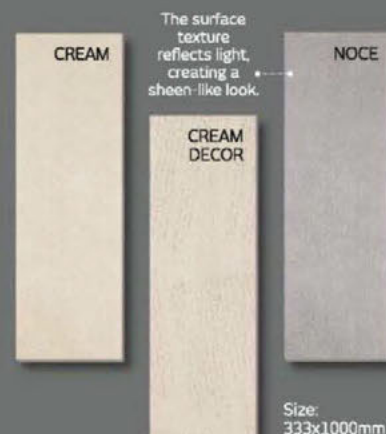
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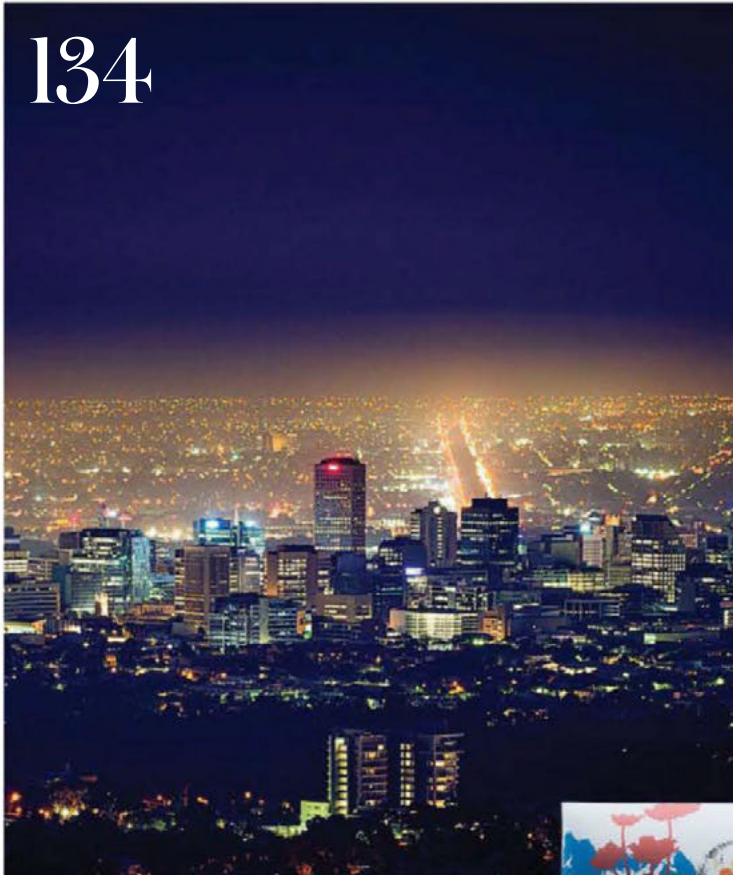




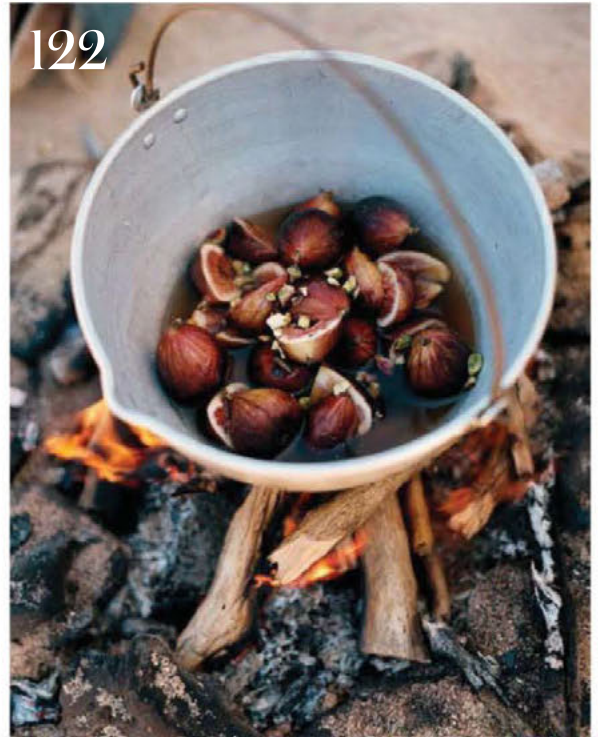
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## EDITOR'S LETTER



RIGHT The Sofa Company's Vida sofa is a contemporary and stylish selection in our sofa roundup (page 141) that won't break the bank. BELOW The rejuvenation of the Golden Mile in Durban is one of the reasons the city is becoming a hot travel destination (page 134).



BELOW Finally a stylish laptop cover that is not a skin or big bag or made from foam or rubber. Cape Town's Love Milo has produced this cotton and leather version (R550), which doubles as a clutch, in different designs. [lovemilo.com](http://lovemilo.com)



## editor's picks

RIGHT Conference delegates at Design Indaba (page 32) got a sneak peek at a new chair by Studio Propolis.



My mother was an armchair traveller. She seemed to know everything about everywhere. Through books, newspapers, magazines, movies and television she escaped to far-off destinations and met all manner of fabulously interesting and quirky people. I mention this because travel is not just about escape and discovery, it's also about

list includes one-bedroom romantic spots just for two through to top hotels' and game lodges' stand-alone buildings, where you can prepare your own meals (or hire the services of a private chef) and get away from the crowds. This month these pages replace our normal Houses section and we're confident there will be a fantasy getaway in there for everyone.

Jonathan Cane with determining what the 10 Hottest Destinations are in the world right now (page 134) so now you know where you need to be. (It's great to see that Durban, as the only local city, has nudged its way in there after making it onto *The New York Times*' 52 Places to Go in 2015 list.)

Then, for when you return home

'TRAVEL IS NOT JUST ABOUT ESCAPE AND DISCOVERY, IT'S ALSO ABOUT THE ANTICIPATION AND THE DREAMING THAT HAPPENS EVEN BEFORE WE LEAVE THE FRONT DOOR.'

the anticipation and the dreaming that happens even before we leave the front door. The decision to buy a plane ticket or pack up the car and drive can be sparked by a single beautiful image that you come across in your favourite magazine.

So, for this, our first travel-themed issue, we've scoured the country to select a massive 101 Dream Escapes that you can rent (page 49). These comprise everything from luxury villas and private homes to cottages and beach houses – all within South Africa. The

Our upfront Trends pages also tackle travel the *House and Leisure* way, with loads of shopping, including our roundups of all the smart gear and gadgets essential for your next trip (page 26) and watches, which we know are every traveller's best friend (page 22). We've even found fabrics for Soft Spot (page 24) that are inspired by transport, and Love This Look (page 15) shows how to go camping in style.

Because, sometimes, it is about flying away, we tasked writer and nomad

happy and exhausted (or even for your sitting pleasure before you depart), we've compiled the ultimate sofa guide (page 141). From great value buys to statement pieces we've got couches covered.

*Naomi*

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# JESSICA ROSS

is *House and Leisure's* new deputy editor. Check out 10 things she learned at this year's Design Indaba (page 32).

## If you could escape to anywhere in the world, where would it be?

I spent a year in North America and since then I've had a burning desire to do a great South American road trip. I'd like to spend at least a month, starting in Mexico and heading down:

Ecuador, Peru, Potosí in Bolivia and Argentina. **In South Africa?**

A safari is such a rare treat that I leap at any opportunity. A bucket-list trip would involve a couple of nights at Singita.

**What are your top three travel essentials?** I never sleep on a plane so I make sure my iPad is fully charged and I've got a great book. Face wipes are a must. **Playlist for a roadtrip?** For the long open roads, Lana Del Rey and Bon Iver; when the weariness sets in, Arcade Fire, alt-J and ASAP Rocky.

# MEGAN KING

is *HL's* Cape Town based acting assistant digital content producer.

## If you could escape to anywhere in the world, where would it be?

I've been dreaming of hiking the Rainbow Mountains in China.

**In South Africa?** The Eastern Cape is always a special place for me. It holds an infinite collection of stories waiting to be told. I would like to explore more of the Northern Cape, too, as I'm fascinated by lunar terrains and surreal rock formations.

**What are your top three travel essentials?** Journal, camera, good walking shoes. **What's your top tip for smart packing?** Avoid trying to take your whole wardrobe with you!



# MARCELLE ROBERTS

is chef and owner of Unity and Cafe 1999 in Durban. For this issue she contributed three fig recipes (page 118).

## If you could escape to anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Anywhere exotic. I love the beach and hate the cold. **In South Africa?** The Wild Coast - it's amazingly beautiful, untamed and far away from everything. **What are your top three travel essentials?** My



GHD hair straightener, sunscreen and comfy shoes. **Playlist for a road trip?** Anything jazzy - Peter Cincotti, Steve Tyrell, Diana Krall. **What's your secret to smart packing?** Decant all your cosmetics into small bottles, otherwise they take up more space than clothes. **Favourite things to do on a staycation in your city?** We spent two nights at The Oyster Box hotel, a 20-minute drive from our house, and we felt as though we were miles away.

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PREVIOUS PAGE, TENT CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT Burton **fabric** in Grey Blue (L9008-02) by Larsen R3 129/m, Les Inseparables **fabric** in 10581\_60 by Nobilis R4 402/m, Futuna **fabric** in Citron (F3020001) by Pierre Frey R4 234/m, Baldwin fabric in Grey & Linen (L9009-01) by Larsen R4 855/m, all Mavromac; stonewashed **quilt** R1 750, Cabbages & Roses; Chindi Multi Stripe 50×80cm **Rug** R59,99, Mrp Home; ON GROUND FROM LEFT **Bicycle** stylist's own; Rope Woven 120×160cm **Rug** R1 000, Mrp Home; buckled elephant **cushion** R850, Cabbages & Roses; Samaira Geometric **Rug** 60×90cm in turquoise R79,99, Jute Mingle 50×80cm **Rug** R69,99, Jacquard Diamond **Rug** R280, and Jacquard Geometric Star 120×180cm **Rug** R600, all Mrp Home; Roorkee **Chair** in Sand R2 950, Melvill & Moon; copper **lantern** R980, Garden Bleu; Eucalyptus Pillar **Candle** 7×15cm R39,99, Mrp Home; Sit **stool** in black R550, Merge Designs; **book** stylist's own; Belize **highball glass** R25,99, Mrp Home; Harry Moon Washbasin/**Champagne Cooler** R1 650, Melvill & Moon; **wine** stylist's own; Cable Knit Weave 50×30cm **Pouffe** in grey R800, Mrp Home; **cushion** (in Blockprint fabric in Momosa from the Silsila collection by Mavromac South R328/m) R627, Mavromac; 150cm PVC **Matting** R100/m, Chamdor Faktry Sales.

ABOVE, BACKGROUND FROM LEFT Savanna **fabric** in HAMA120345 from the Amazilia Fabrics collection by Harlequin R2 644/m, Cykel **fabric** in Ivy/Apple/Slate (NFIK120389) R1 100/m, and Taimi **fabric** in Apple/Ivy/Slate (NFIK120362) R925/m, both from the Levande Fabrics collection by Scion, all Black Fabrics; Laguna **fabric** in Indigo by Ultimo Grito R2 897/m, and E **fabric** in Chocolate by Anni Albers R3 248/m (both for the Printed Indoor collection by Christopher Farr Cloth), St Leger & Viney; Amazilia **fabric** in Flamingo/Papaya/Apple (HAMA120350) from the Amazilia Fabrics collection by Harlequin R2 644/m, Black Fabrics; ON TABLE FROM LEFT Cedar **wallpaper** in Almond/Cobalt/Midnight (NFIK111084) from the Levande Wallpapers collection by Scion R1 028/roll, Black Fabrics; Rick Rack Chocolate **fabric** in Chocolate by Kit Kemp from the Insitu collection by Christopher Farr Cloth R4 494/m, St Leger & Viney; second-hand **books** R10 each, Toc H charity shop; gold table **lamp** R1 495, Cabbages & Roses; Kelda **wallpaper** in Cobalt (NFIK111107) from the Levande Wallpapers collection by Scion R1 028/roll, Black Fabrics; Palma Outdoor **fabric** in Prato by Michael Szell for the Printed Outdoor collection by Christopher Farr Cloth R3 248/m, St Leger & Viney; Bushlight **Holder** R450, Melvill & Moon; World **Globe** (large) R600, Mrp Home; paper **arrow**, stylist's own; Naadam **fabric** in Fungi from the Tribal Motion collection R570/m, Hertex.

OPPOSITE, TENT FROM LEFT Burton **fabric** in Linen (L9008-01) by Larsen R3 129/m, Mavromac; Paradise **fabric** in Papaya/Flamingo/Apple (HAMA120351) from the Amazilia Fabrics collection by Harlequin R2 644/m, Black Fabrics; **tent frame** 32×32mm pine wood R18/m, Timbercity; Selby **fabric** in Black & White (L9007-04) by Larsen R4 855/m, Mavromac; ON FLOOR FROM LEFT Rope Woven 120×160cm **Rug** R1 000, Mrp Home; Self Help Side **Table** R3 900, Joe Paine; yellow **candle** R19,99 for a pack of eight, Checkers Hyper; Bamboo **Radio** by Easipeasi R322, Santos; Two Tone Barrel **Mug** R15,99, and Samaira Geometric **Rug** 60×90cm in turquoise R79,99, both Mrp Home; eSteppie by Freeman fold-up **stool** R570, Garden Bleu; second-hand **book** R10, Toc H charity shop; Solid Brass **Bushlight** R450, Melvill & Moon; ON BED FROM LEFT **cushion** (in Bubble fabric from the Vitamines collection by Atelier Saint Germain for Nobilis) R2 288, Mavromac; lucky coin **cushion** R850, Cabbages & Roses; Pastel Bright 60×200cm **Bed Roll** R430, and 144 Thread Count **Flat Sheet** in White, Single 3/4 R110, both Mrp Home; stonewashed **quilt** R1 750, Cabbages & Roses; mint green **throw** R780, Garden Bleu. ▶









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Hoop **Trellis** (part of a set with a Tower Planter) R3 800, Joe Paine; on 150cm PVC **Matting** R100/m, Chamdor Faktry Sales; Coffee Companion **bag** R3 850, Melvill & Moon; Lion **Matches** Jumbo Pack R5,29, Checkers Hyper; Kovea **two-pot** set R499, Stanley Classic Vacuum Bottle 1.0 L **flask** in Hammetone Green R625, and EcoSouLife Biodegradable **Camper Set** – L Plate in Green (includes cutlery above) R175, all Cape Union Mart; Julia **dishcloth** R120, Garden Bleu; on portable box **braai**, stylist's own (find similar at Checkers Hyper); Hollywood Regency Round Mirror **Tray** R260, Mrp Home; gold decorative **glass** R95, Garden Bleu; EcoSouLife Eco **Goblet in White** R199 (set of four), Cape Union Mart; Dig For Victory **enamel cup** R130, and **carafe** R120, both Garden Bleu; EcoSouLife Biodegradable 3 Pc **Cutlery Set** in Green R80, Cape Union Mart. ☐





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From forecasting to feasting, this fashion-forward young entrepreneur is slowly but surely catching Jozi's attention

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As a sales and marketing manager for Afrocentric fashion brand KISUA and a blogger, mother, trend forecaster, entrepreneur and aspiring writer in between, Vuyiswa Mutshekwane, or Vie as she's better known, has her sights set on fashion, fun and art. With fun in mind, she's part of a collective called The Other Girls, which hosts Joburg's popular monthly The WKND Social brunch parties.

Vie describes her style as simple comfort dressing with a splash of drama and believes that true style is effortless but considered. She rates local menswear designers Adriaan Kuiters and Laduma Ngxokolo highly, and her favourite international designers include Stella McCartney and Martin Margiela.

So what's hot on her radar for 2015? 'I'm not much of a trend person, however I do foresee the sporty-minimalist trend continuing.' And in local fashion? 'I really enjoyed Chu Suwannapha's collection that was shown at SA Menswear Week this year. I think he's going to add an exciting dimension to the local fashion landscape.' [viemyselfandi.blogspot.com](http://viemyselfandi.blogspot.com)



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Vuyiswa Mutshekwane; some of her favourite things include a portrait by Nelson Makamo; her volumes of Unesco's *General History of Africa*; a Red Oker Voyager bag she'd like to have for her travels; she covets any of the pieces from Lakin Ogunbanwo's last exhibition at Whatiftheworld gallery; a luxurious Yswara candle is on her wishlist; this collection of cushions is all her own; she'd also love a LALA Surma drinks cabinet from Dokter and Misses.



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FROM TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT **Titan** Automatic (90002WL01) R5 250, Luxco; **U-Boat** by Italo Fontana Chimera Carbonio - 48 (Limited Edition) R134 995, Luks Group; **Michel Herbelin** Newport Yacht Club (18466/65) R26 950, Luxco; **Ebel** Wave Lady (1216194) R23 400, Architects of Time; The Doc (YGS775) R1 125, **Swatch**; **Hermès** Dressage steel watch with matte havana alligator leather strap (W037805WW00) R112 000, Architects of Time/Boutique Haute Horlogerie; **Frederique Constant** Vintage Rally Healey GMT (FC-350CH5B4) R31 995, Picot & Moss; **Chopard** Happy Sport 36 mm Watch (18-carat rose gold and diamonds) (277472-5002) R343 575, Boutique Haute Horlogerie.





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LEFT TO RIGHT, FROM TOP TO BOTTOM LW32 **wallpaper** in 1 Finisterre from the Ephemera Wallpapers collection by Linwood R4 006/roll, Hertex; The British are Coming, the British are Coming **denim fabric** (CX5424-DENI-D) from the Indigo Road colour collection by Michael Miller Fabrics R265/m, Scarlett Fine; Balloons **wallpaper** in Indigo/Blue (DLIT214028) from the Little Sanderson – Abracazoo Wallpapers collection by Sanderson R861/roll, St Leger & Viney; LW44 **wallpaper** in 1 On Yer Bike from the Ephemera Wallpapers collection by Linwood R4 006/roll, Hertex; Wingman **fabric** from Scarlett Fine's local range R185/m, Scarlett Fine; Cykel **fabric** in Ivy/Apple/Slate (NFIK120389) from the Levande Fabrics collection R1 100/m and Cykel **wallpaper** in Ivy/Apple/Slate (NFIK111102) from the Levande Wallpapers collection R1 660/roll, both by Scion at Black Fabrics; 343059 **wallpaper** from the Atlantic collection by Eijffinger R2 150/roll, Dreamweaver Studios; Skipper **fabric** in Marine R390/m and Sail Stripe **fabric** in Marine R390/m both from the Maritime collection by Fabric Library, Home Fabrics; Scenic Thomas **fabric** in Red/Blue (J646F-01) from the Right on Track with Thomas collection by Jane Churchill R1 703/m, Mavromac; 321371 **wallpaper** from the Kids Kapers collection by Eijffinger R1 620/roll, Dreamweaver Studios.





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LEFT TO RIGHT, FROM TOP Tag Heuer Aquaracer 300m Steel & Yellow Gold (WAY1453.BD0922) ladies' **watch** R79 995, Picot & Moss; Henne Images d'Orient **Luggage Tag** R63, Liv'in; Grace K **bag** in gold R4 280, Kartell; Roland Mouret Fall-Winter 2015-2016 **Collection**; 2750 Lamew **sneakers** in gold R800, Superga; LAMY 332 AL-Star bluegreen Rollerball **pen** R400, Luks Group; Bordeaux **Pouch** by Mimco R399, Woolworths; BeoPlay H8 wireless **headphones** in Argilla Bright R8 060, Bang & Olufsen; Floral Spritz **Toner** Aromatic Distillate R345, Skoon; **City Guides** about R539 each, Louis Vuitton; SmarTravel My Small Things **pouch** by Alessandro Zambelli for Seletti R425, Generation; Treat Yourself Re-usable Shopping **Tote** by Kate Spade New York R195, In Good Company; Apple **iPad** Air 2 Wi-Fi 16GB in Gold R6 700, Dion Wired.





# BUSH

LEFT TO RIGHT, FROM TOP Cape Union Commando **Chair** R699, Cape Union Mart; Vintage **Playing Cards** in Tin by Tinder and Tide R100, In Good Company; Frontier **Hip Flask** R380, Frontier Goods; Nicholas K Spring-Summer 2015 **Collection**; Roger **O's & X's** R295, Coricraft; Boombox #3 Weekender **bag** R6 900, Missibaba; Protection 50 Sport **lotion** R490, Dermalogica; Panama **Hat** R499, Le Coq Sportif; Gentlemen's Hardware **Food Flask** R385 and **Vacuum Flask** R385 by Wild & Wolf, In Good Company; Giorgio Armani AR 8044K **Sunglasses** in walnut R7 257, Luxottica; Fisherman's Cork Floating **Knife** by Baladéo R275, Frontier Goods; **Roberts Bird Guide** book by Hugh Chittenden R195 (Jacana Media), available at selected bookstores; Nikon Prostaff 7S 8x42 **Binoculars** R3 280, Outdoor Photo; Limited Edition Flag **Jacket** in Army R4 000, Superdry; International Carry-on **Luggage** in tan from the 1975 collection POR, Tumi. ▶





# BEACH

LEFT TO RIGHT, FROM TOP Mungo **Kikoi** Ruti R210, Nonna; Shibby Unwind portable Bluetooth **speaker** in walnut R1 490, Shibby Beats; Agnes B Spring-Summer 2014 **Collection**; Lomography La Sardina **Camera and Flash** in Capri Saracena R1 200, Exposure Gallery; Travel Essentials **journal** by Birch Press R225, In Good Company; Ice-Sunshine unisex **watch** in Neon Blue R1 200, Ice-Watch; Emporio Armani men's EA 4034 **sunglasses** in matte blue mirror R1 369, Luxottica; Commodity **Boyshorts** in Rail Road R1 100, Superdry; Combo Mixed **beach umbrella** R1 499, Beachy Heads; 18-Pocket Fashion Pool **Lounger** by Bestway from Seagull Industries R165, Spree.co.za; Sun Block **Swim Shorts** in Twilight Navy R1 200, Superdry; EOS Visibly Soft **Lip Balm** in Vanilla Mint and Coconut Milk R150 each, Polish Nail Spa. ☐



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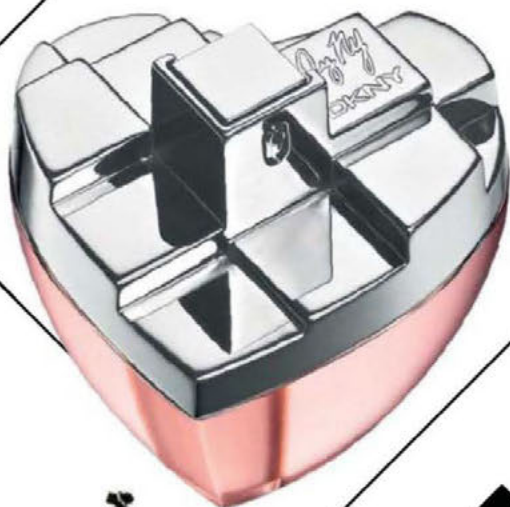
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**Gatineau** Renew 7 Laser, R660 for 15ml at AbsoluteSkin, **Chanel** Le Vernis Nail Colour in 645 Paradisio, R355; **Chanel** Hydra Beauty Micro Serum, R1 255 for 30ml; **Gosh** Momo Eye Shadow in 012 Silver, R99 at Edgars; **Clinique** Aromatics in White, R800 for 50ml; **Clarins** 3-Dot Liner, R250; **Givenchy** Dahlia Noir L'Eau, R750 for 125ml; **Greenland** Body Butter in Coconut-Tangerine, R125; **YSL** Couture Palette in 1 Tuxedo, R695; **Catrice** Lash Boost Lash Extension Fibrés 010, R80; **DKNY** MMYNY EDP R995 for 100ml.



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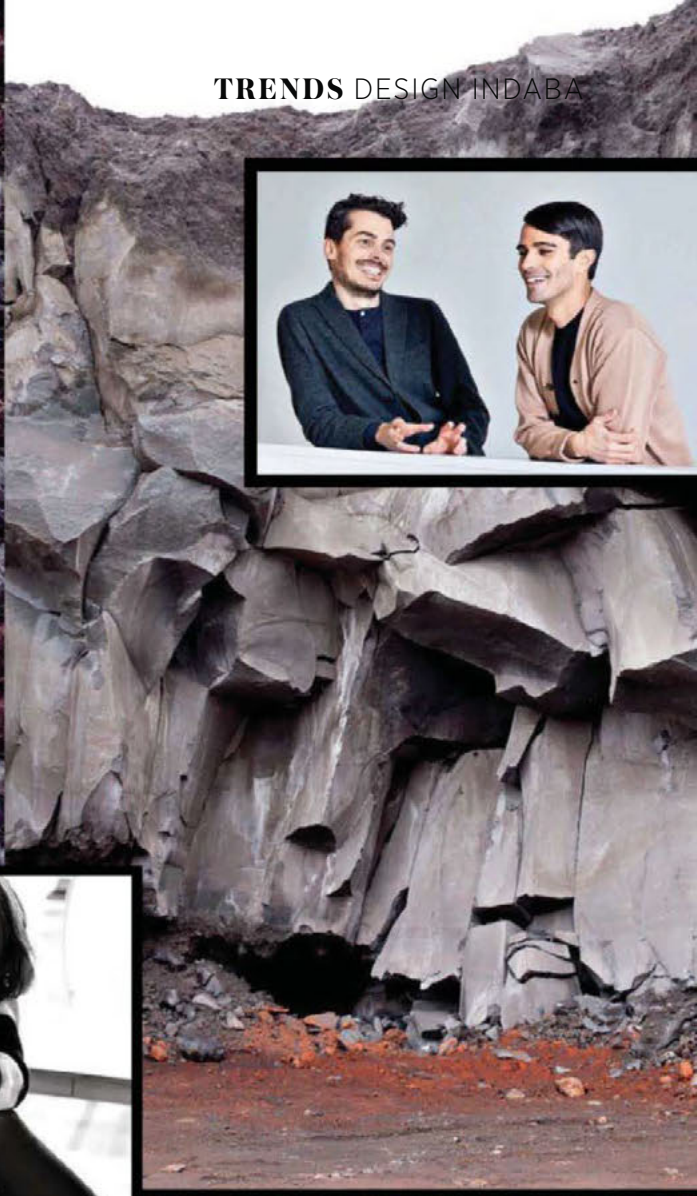
## AT DESIGN INDABA 2015

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CLOCKWISE FROM  
OPPOSITE Kathryn  
Fleming's imagined hybrid  
mammal, a High Wire  
Herbivore; Hella Jongerius'  
carpet design for KLM;  
Sindiso Khumalo's autumn/  
winter 2014 collection;  
the explosion of Mount  
Etna in Sicily inspired  
designers Simone Farresin  
and Andrea Trimarchi  
(inset) to create their  
'De Natura Fossilium'  
collection; Nando's HQ  
Central Kitchen; Omar  
Victor Diop; Santiago  
Cirugeda; Hella Jongerius.







Joe Public's *Fonts for the Future* features typefaces from the handwriting of over 200 students. BELOW Xolisa Dyeshana; Pepe Marais.

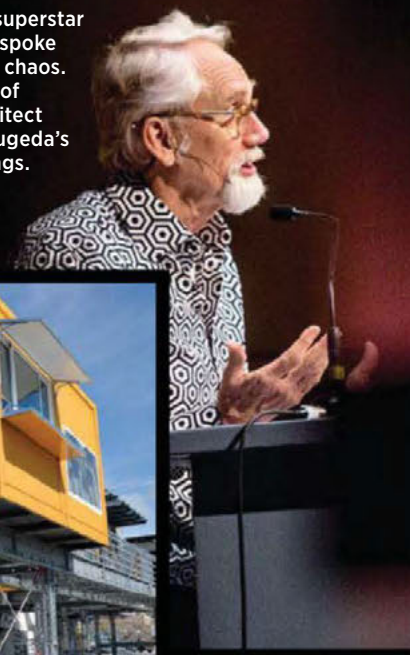


## DESIGN FOR YOUR COUNTRY

The Design Indaba conference opened with a slick dance by Joburg based Pepe Marais and Xolisa Dyeshana. Their agency, **Joe Public** ([joepublic.co.za](http://joepublic.co.za)), is just as spirited and energetic in its work, which focuses on exponential growth by design – growth for clients, its people and the country. Outside the conference hall Joe Public's Ideas ATM for Nedbank encouraged conference delegates to deposit their creative solutions to a social problem and, to raise funds for One School at a Time, which strives to improve education in underprivileged communities, the agency produced *Fonts for the Future*, part book, part catalogue of over 200 digitised typefaces that were adapted from the handwriting of students from a high school in Soweto. The fonts are available for purchase online, with all proceeds going to the development of the learners.

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Advertising superstar Dan Wieden spoke of his love of chaos. BELOW One of Spanish architect Santiago Cirugeda's 'ugly' buildings.



## FEARLESS MINDSETS CREATE MASTERPIECES

**Santiago Cirugeda** ([recetasurbanas.net](http://recetasurbanas.net)) has been in trouble with the law more than once. Stepping over political red tape and dodging strict building licensing rules and regulations, the Spanish 'guerrilla architect' reclaims abandoned and unused urban spaces, and creates vibrant low-cost public establishments. 'Sometimes we do things that are illegal but we're not doing anyone harm,' he says. Masterpieces they may not be – 'People say my buildings are ugly but who doesn't have an ugly friend?' – however in a time of austerity (many of the builds were conceived during Europe's financial collapse) we need architects such as Santiago.

The element of fearlessness was one that just kept coming up at the conference, not least from advertising legend **Dan Wieden**, who coined the 'Just Do It' slogan for Nike. 'My agency [Wieden+Kennedy, [wk.com](http://wk.com)] encourages people to fail harder,' he notes. Dan's philosophy speaks to his unflinching attitude: 'Chaos challenges authority and cares more about truth than order... It's the only thing that wants you to grow. The only thing that demands you make something that matters.'

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## EMBRACE CULTURE, CELEBRATE HERITAGE

There's no takeaway brand more proudly South African than **Nando's** ([nandos.co.za](http://nandos.co.za)) with its marketing campaigns that have just as much bite as its peri-peri sauce. As Joburg founder Robbie Brozin quipped, 'art makes our chicken taste better', so he enlisted stylist Tracy Lee Lynch to invest in the local creative community as lead curator for Nando's to showcase South African creators in the company's restaurants. Robbie and Tracy also announced the Nando's Hot Young Designer competition, which challenges entrants to submit their ideas for a pendant light with an African aesthetic.

Life in South Africa inspires **Sindiso Khumalo's** ([sindisokhumalo.com](http://sindisokhumalo.com)) fashion creations, which are displayed in high-end stores all over the UK where she lives. 'My work is a love letter from myself to my ancestry,' Sindiso shares. Patterns from seamstresses in rural KZN inspired her 2013 collection, and African motifs found their way onto the children's stool she designed in collaboration with Skog Kids.

Photographer **Omar Victor Diop** ([omarviktor.com](http://omarviktor.com)) channels his love for his home Senegal into his work. His latest series, *Project Diaspora*, replicates images of Africans in history, honouring the West African tradition of portrait photography. 'History is even better if we share it,' he says.



## IF YOU'RE NOT HAVING FUN, YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG

The DI delegates had no idea what they were in for when **Dominic Wilcox** ([dominicwilcox.com](http://dominicwilcox.com)) took the stage. We giggled along as the London based inventor, doodler and designer spoke of his mad methods – 'I take playfulness very seriously. It's the most powerful way of finding ideas.' From his unbridled imagination come covetable creations. Dominic's exquisite watch sculptures, in which tiny scenes are created atop the hands of a timepiece, show fleeting interactions, such as 'The Sitting Man', in which the crouched subject finds his chair, and a brief moment to sit, once every hour.

Other creatives embracing the fun factor include US based **Stanley Hainsworth**, whose hair is 'like an approachability index'. With two peroxided tufts at his temples he looks more mad scientist than creative director and owner of Tether ([tetherinc.com](http://tetherinc.com)), an agency that aims to 'craft love affairs between brands and individuals'. 'Crazy hair has its advantages, people come up and talk to you,' he says. His annual *bosberaad*-like team building, Design Camp, encourages staff to engage in activities such as interpretive dance, human pyramids and storytelling.

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FROM BELOW LEFT Nando's founder Robbie Brozin; a picture from Omar Victor Diop's *Project Diaspora*; Sindiso Khumalo's furniture collaboration with Skog Kids; a Dominic Wilcox watch; a piece from Studio Formafantasma's 'De Natura Fossilium'.

## SUSTAINABILITY REMAINS A KEY CONCERN

Using local resources is central to Nairobi based joinery expert **Studio Propolis'** ([studiopropolis.com](http://studiopropolis.com)) ethos. 'We rely on what we can source instead of what we can import,' says architect and co-owner Naeem Biviji. With his wife, Bethan Rayner, he handcrafts pieces that look high end but are made using readily available materials, such as cyprus instead of plywood, 'creating something that isn't *just* good enough for Africa'.

Dutch industrial designer **Hella Jongerius** ([jongeriuslab.com](http://jongeriuslab.com)), the art director for Vitra, emphasises 'designing the materials'. Tasked with imagining a new interior for KLM's business class cabin, she used to-be-discarded flight attendant uniforms mixed with wool (sourced from sheep bred for the meat industry) to weave the brand's signature blue into the carpet.

When Mount Etna erupted in 2013 Sicilian duo Simone Farresin and Andrea Trimarchi, whose practice **Studio Formafantasma** ([formafantasma.com](http://formafantasma.com)) focuses on materials and history, experimented with the solidified lava ('nature blowing out materials'), collecting blackened rock that they then incorporated into textiles and moulded into sleek shapes, and from which they formed mouth-blown glass vases for their 'De Natura Fossilium' collection. It's all about questioning the way we live and what we produce. 'Objects have symbolic meaning,' they say. ▶

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Robots explore Tate Britain for The Workers' After Dark project. BELOW Rosita Missoni.



## MAKE SOMETHING THAT WILL LAST

A hushed audience sat captivated as 83-year-old **Rosita Missoni** walked up to the microphone. Yes, *that* Missoni. Matriarch of the high-end Italian fashion house ([missonihome.it](http://missonihome.it)), Rosita commanded attention as she told the story of her life, filled with advice for young creatives. However it was her philosophy for the homeware range, which she took over in 1999 and where she's still a creative director, that really stuck: 'the things you make for the home are meant to last' (a sentiment also shared by Hella Jongerius, see previous page). Rosita's signature vibrant hues and patterns ('colours are like musical notes') mix with this timeless ethos to have lasting appeal while remaining suitably on trend.

## CREATE CONVERSATIONS

London based practice **The Workers** ([theworkers.net](http://theworkers.net)) isn't limited by discipline. Between founders Tommaso Lanza, from Italy, and Ross Cairns, from Scotland, there's a history of product, industrial, media and web based design, but it's digital technology they're really into – well, that and 'serial collaborations', which have led to them challenging the intersections of technology and creativity in new and exciting ways. With Tate Britain the duo created *After Dark*, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the public to explore the gallery long after closing time. Nocturnal robots, controlled by 'anyone with an internet connection', digitally curated a visit to the Tate, with live commentary by art experts providing much of the evening's entertainment.

As **Stanley Hainsworth** (see previous page) said, 'Life is like a huge street of people walking towards you and you look for recognition, empathy, connectivity... Share something that might be a connection.' His *#InfiniteBacon* Design Indaba social experiment challenged delegates to meet strangers at the conference and record their connections. 'Human interaction is our most meaningful tool,' he says.



Musician and web-design magician Yoni Bloch creates seamless 'choose your own adventure' web videos (above).



## THE POSSIBILITIES ARE INFINITE

'I was a judge on the Israeli version of *Idols* so if you were a 14-year-old girl you'd be pretty excited right now,' joked musician **Yoni Bloch** ([interlude.fm](http://interlude.fm)) as he took to the stage. By the end of his mind-blowing presentation the audience may as well have been a roomful of teenagers, with people leaping from their seats to applaud his 'choose your own adventure' style web videos, such as *Pretend to be Happy*, in which viewers could control the outcome of a party, based on a number of actions, without issues of continuity – 'The eyes blink but the ears don't, so if it's not seamless people will hear it,' he says.

Yoni's startup company, Interlude, specialises in telling visual stories with multiple possibilities, and he's created interactive videos for the likes of Nicki Minaj, Coldplay and Bob Dylan. On average Interlude videos are watched three times the length of the video. His latest project is the Escher-like world of *Possibilia*, a 'multiverse' movie, that puts you in charge of a couple's break up/make up, ultimately implicating the viewer in the story's outcome.

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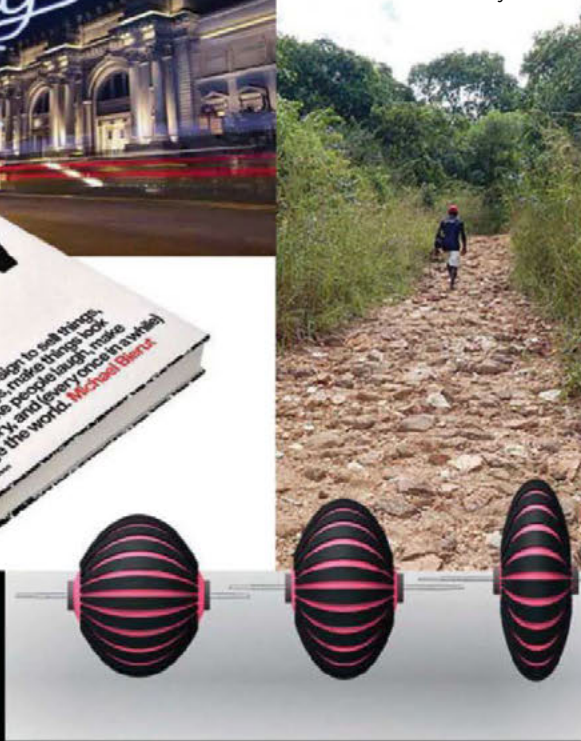




Roads in rural Malawi inspired Ackeem Ngwenya's Roadless wheel (below). LEFT One of Emily Oberman's designs for SNL's 40th anniversary.



Michael Bierut announced his new book at the conference.



FROM TOP Kathryn Fleming's Ground Working Insectivores from her 'Endless Species' project; some of the MIT Media Lab's logo variations; Missoni Home products.



## LOOK BACK, LOOK FORWARD

'Reinventing something over and over is hard but rewarding,' says **Emily Oberman**. An avid viewer of US sketch series *Saturday Night Live* since she was a kid, Emily's understanding of the brand meant she has been the right person to give it a fresh look. As a graphic designer for Pentagram ([pentagram.com](http://pentagram.com)) she's updated the show's identity three times. Her forth iteration, for its 40th anniversary, re-envisioned the look once again. Honouring *SNL*'s heritage, while still bringing it up to date, the resulting title sequence echoes the bustle of New York, something that's indelibly tied to the brand.

A set of abstract 'logotypes' forms the basis of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab's new identity created by Pentagram partner **Michael Bierut**, a Design Indaba veteran. Looking at Muriel Cooper's 1962 logo design for MIT Press, a vertical arrangement of seven straight lines that's timeless and flexible, Michael devised a similarly adaptable design that would respect MIT's dedication to rigour while remaining modern and innovative.

## COLOUR OUTSIDE THE LINES

Who said you can't reinvent the wheel? Not **Ackeem Ngwenya** ([facebook.com/roadlessproject](https://facebook.com/roadlessproject)) whose revolutionary design for a wheel that adapts to rough terrain originated from the absence of proper roads in rural Malawi, his birth place. Ackeem's shape-shifting invention adapts to the terrain it's being used on, making accessibility and productivity in areas lacking infrastructure that much easier.

US designer **Kathryn Fleming** ([modernnaturalism.com](http://modernnaturalism.com)) asks us to think about a new wildlife – such as her High Wire Herbivores, which includes a graceful mammal with four different kinds of cranial appendages including antlers and horns. Her idea stems from an animal kingdom in crisis, where species are being wiped out by environmental changes. 'Rather than preserving animals as artefacts of a wilderness that no longer exists, maybe we need to evolve them to live in the world we are creating,' she says. ☺





# play hard

Club Med's newest ski resort is designed for a modern generation of fun seekers

TEXT **LAUREN GORMLEY** PHOTOGRAPHS **LAUREN GORMLEY, SUPPLIED**

Nestled in the world's largest skiing domain – Les Trois Vallées in the French Alps – and surrounded by 335 slopes that cover over 600km of piste, alpine resort Val Thorens is a powder lover's dream. It was named the best ski resort in the world in 2013 and 2014 and so, every year from November through May, tourists flock to the area for the highest altitude, and naturally snowiest, slopes in Europe. It's in this resort, amid breathtaking panoramas, that Club Med has opened its latest hot spot, Val Thorens Sensations.

French architecture firm Studio Arch ensured that 80 per cent of the hotel's 384 bedrooms open up to the sunlight and showcase the incredible mountainous vistas. The interiors, designed by Paris based Sophie Jacqmin, are modern and cosy with clean organic lines and bursts of bright colour. 'I wanted to move away from the traditional heaviness attached to certain codes of mountain decor,' says Sophie, 'to create a sanctuary in the mountains.' Living up to its name, each floor of the hotel has been cleverly edited to create a different sensory mood using individual music tempos and light ambience.

There's a fun, adventurous spirit to the hotel, obvious in the 10-metre-high climbing wall in the glass atrium at the entrance and also in whimsical details, such as the Neighbirds birdhouses (by Spanish designer Andreu Carulla) perched above tables in the main restaurant, Yurts, and the playful sheepskin rocking horses at reception.

Val Thorens Sensations is a modern retreat that's geared to maximising your time on the slopes. You can book your ski or snowboard lessons and kit online ahead of your trip and will find your equipment ready and waiting in your locker, easily accessed by your room card. There's also high-speed Wi-Fi and a dedicated mobile app with real-time weather updates, activity schedules, menus and even an internal social network to help you find an ideal ski partner for the perfect holiday. [clubmed.co.za/valthorens](http://clubmed.co.za/valthorens)

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Rooms are designed to take maximum advantage of the view. ABOVE The playful reception area is dominated by an optical lighting installation. BELOW FROM LEFT The hotel's 10m climbing wall; The Epicurious Gourmet Lounge is a popular spot in which to unwind after a day of skiing.





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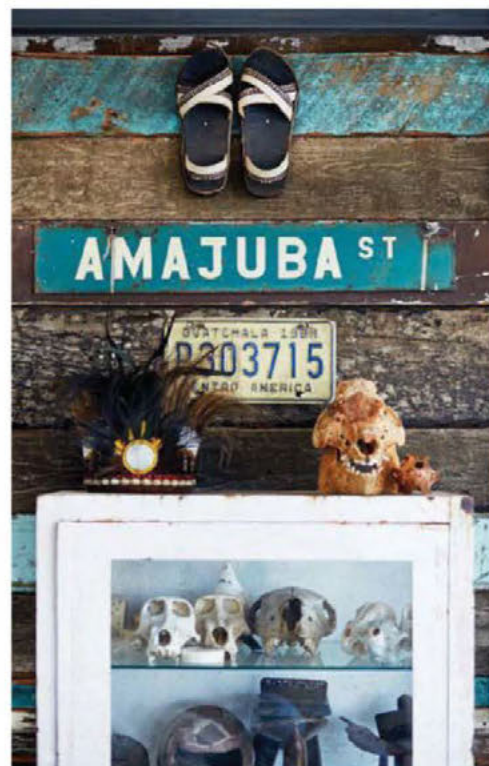


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# mark valentine

Joburg's legendary artefacts trader has erected a cool new digs atop his burgeoning Jozi business

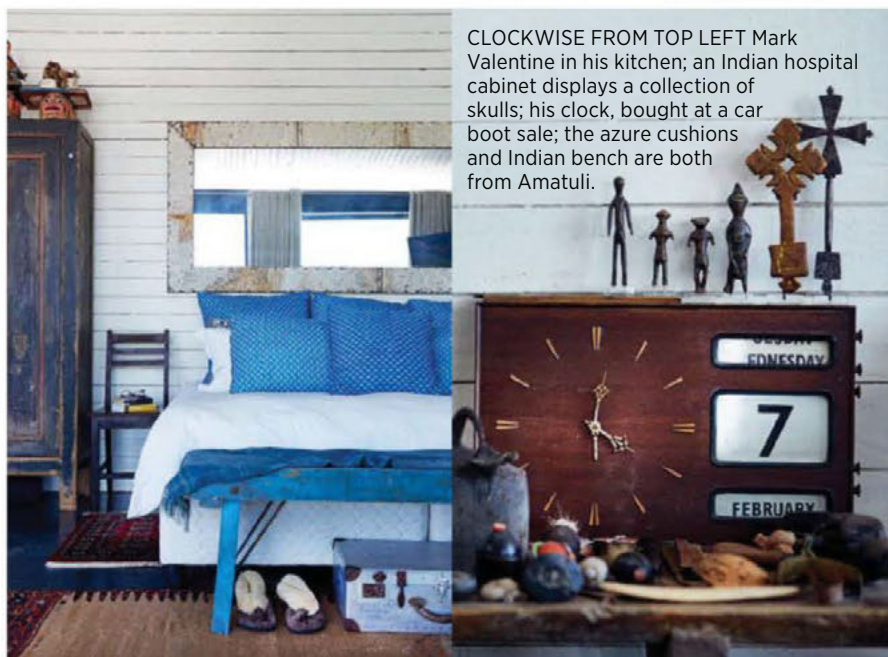
TEXT **MILA CREWE-BROWN** STYLING **HEATHER BOTING** PHOTOGRAPHS **GRAEME WYLLIE**

Mark Valentine's reputation as an intrepid traveller and merchant of genuine African and Asian relics supersedes him. He's been at it for more than 25 years and still travels every six weeks, personally sourcing the goods he sells. His man cave, as he dubs it, was built four floors above Amatuli as an occasional substitute to home.

Picture Livingstone's modern day pied-à-terre and you'll have an idea. An armoury of found objects, carved figures and artefacts from markets, rural tribes and villages fills the bright space. 'I collect a lot of utilitarian things,' he says, referencing a melange of smoking pipes, wooden hair combs and Zulu headrests, all displayed with careful skill.

'Strange things interest me,' he explains, 'I'm not always looking for the most precious objects,' such as his divination bowl, originally used for throwing bones at ceremonies and now home to odds and ends. He recalls the origin of every piece but some – such as his Senufo daybed from the Ivory Coast, loaded into a container, hijacked by rebels at sea and negotiated back – have tales worthy of the camp fire. The handsome day bed now divides his open-plan bedroom and bathroom.

When he's not travelling he spends his weekends 'picking' at his favourite markets from Meyerton to Bloemfontein. 'I'm more a collector than a dealer,' he confesses, admitting to a warehouse tucked away with another 8 000-odd pieces that are waiting to be unveiled. [amatuli.co.za](http://amatuli.co.za)

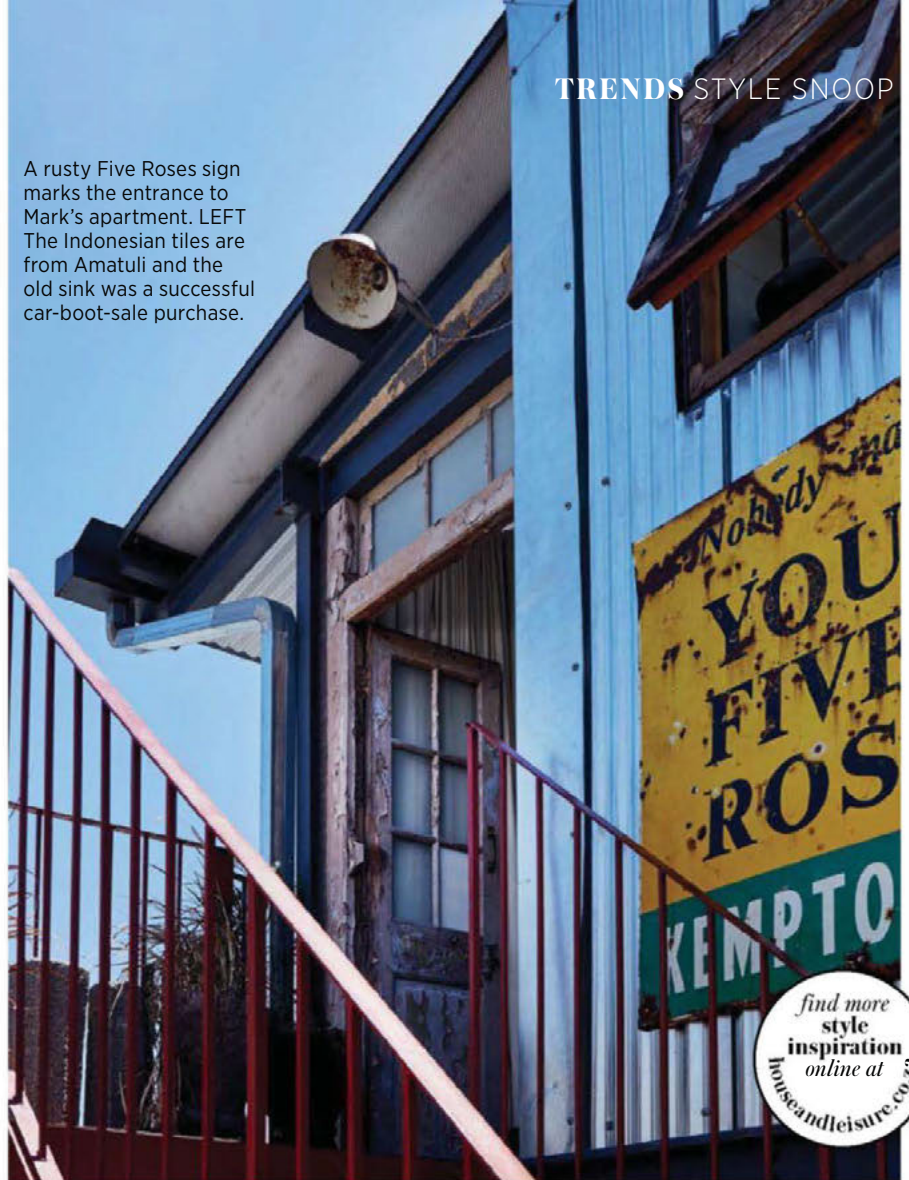


CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Mark Valentine in his kitchen; an Indian hospital cabinet displays a collection of skulls; his clock, bought at a car boot sale; the azure cushions and Indian bench are both from Amatuli.

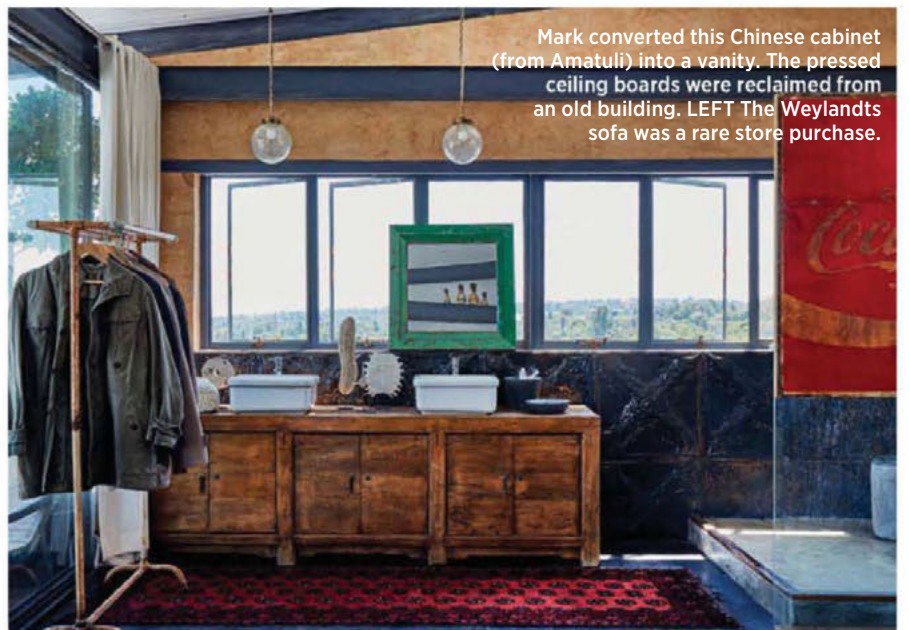




A rusty Five Roses sign marks the entrance to Mark's apartment. LEFT The Indonesian tiles are from Amatuli and the old sink was a successful car-boot-sale purchase.



'Strange things interest me. I'm not always looking for the most precious objects.'



Mark converted this Chinese cabinet (from Amatuli) into a vanity. The pressed ceiling boards were reclaimed from an old building. LEFT The Weylands sofa was a rare store purchase.



## KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Aimed at anyone trying to rise up in the creative industry, Business of Design returns to Cape Town (20-21 May) and Joburg (26-27 May) for more insider knowledge, design inspiration and networking opportunities. Speakers at the two-day seminars include writer and editor Zanele Kumalo (right), jewellery designer Katherine-Mary Pichulik, Natasha Sideris of Tashas, and Generation store founder Julia Day. For event information visit [businessofdesign.co.za](http://businessofdesign.co.za).



## BLANKET APPEAL

Just in time for cooler weather, Mrp Home has released its new Colab blanket collection with designs by five local artists and makers – Alex Hamilton, Mia Widlake, Kurt Pio, Sindiso Nyoni and Kim Longhurst (pictured). Each blanket is R500 and R50 of this will be donated to the Mrp Foundation, an NPO dedicated to the upliftment of less privileged youths. [Mrphome.com](http://Mrphome.com)



## SCENT-SATIONS

GRANDDAUGHTER TO ESTÉE, AERIN LAUDER IS A WOMAN WHO KNOWS QUALITY. HER FIRST FRAGRANCE COLLECTION UNDER HER OWN LUXURY LIFESTYLE BRAND COMPRISES FIVE SCENTS, EACH EVOKING A DIFFERENT SENSORY EXPERIENCE. AVAILABLE AT STUTTAFORDS, EDGARS AND RED SQUARE.

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**Historical depictions of the Cape, painted in watercolour by Dutch artists Robert Gordon and Jan Brandes in the 1700s, have been cleverly printed onto scatters in the Cape Field of Vision range from Joburg's Evolution Product. They will look right at home on a deep-buttoned Chesterfield. From R795, [evolutionproduct.co.za](http://evolutionproduct.co.za)**



## FOR THE LOVE OF CRAFT

The go-to festival for all things design, art and crafts, Kamers 2015 in Cape Town, held at City Hall in partnership with Cape Craft and Design Institute from 7-10 May, is any Pinterest fan's paradise. With 250 hand-picked local exhibitors, including Chander House and A Love Supreme, plus foodie stalls, local winemakers and curated exhibitions, this event appeals to just about everyone. Tickets are R50 from ffw.co.za (R70 at the door). Visit [kamersvol.com](http://kamersvol.com).



## Q&A Gavin Rooke

**Founding partner of The New Order and developer of Stand 47, Saint-Gobain's concept home, Gavin Rooke chats to us about alternative modern building technology.**

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**our homes be efficient thermally?** Key success factors include creating a thermal envelope with wall, floor and ceiling systems that integrate effectively. Also by using materials that have insulative qualities and by applying proven design methodologies.

**What is Stand 47?** It's a physical interface to Saint-Gobain products. It serves as a consumer engagement centre for clients to experience their products. ☐

# views

## JUST RELEASED

Forbidden Colours, Jim Thompson's new range of silks, linens, velvets and cottons, is named after sumptuous shades and patterns that were once strictly reserved for high nobility. It's vibrant and luxurious with modern-day appeal. Find it at [tandco.co.za](http://tandco.co.za).

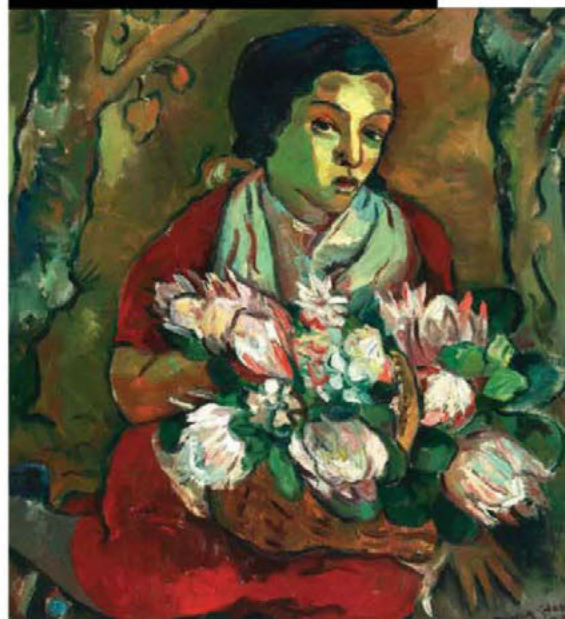
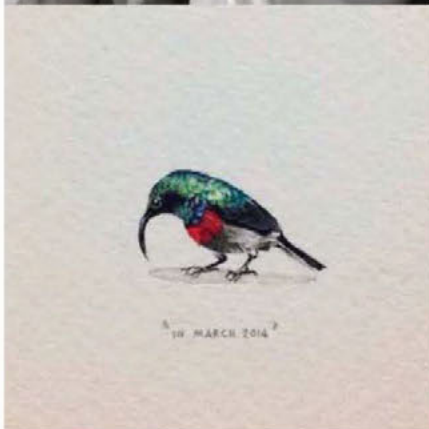


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# ernestine white, craig wylie & tanya poole

The diversity of artistic talent in South Africa makes for rich pickings for this year's Sanlam Portrait Award judges

TEXT **LEIGH ROBERTSON** PHOTOGRAPHS **JAC DE VILLIERS, MONIQUE PELSER, SUPPLIED**

For the three accomplished artists on the judging panel of this year's Sanlam Portrait Award, the competition has potent ramifications. 'It can result in an interesting body of portrait work by artists who are not necessarily portraitists, which is worthwhile in itself,' says Tanya Poole, who is a widely exhibited artist focusing on portraiture and a lecturer at Rhodes University. 'It can give a sense of figurative art in South Africa, as well as providing, through the artists' choice of subjects, a particular snapshot of the country right now.'

This was one of the factors that motivated London based, Zimbabwean born figurative painter Craig Wylie to join the panel. Craig, winner of the UK's BP Portrait Award in 2008, whose work features in eminent private and public collections abroad (including London's National Portrait Gallery), is interested to get 'a back-door look into figurative painting' here and to see the emergence of

those 'fine painters in this genre who go unnoticed'.

Recently appointed as the curator for contemporary art at the Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town born artist Ernestine White has garnered international acclaim for her work, primarily in printmaking, which appears in major collections such as MoMA's in New York. 'In the digital age where new media and performance art take centre stage it's refreshing to be part of an initiative that brings to the forefront the age-old traditions of portraiture in the art historical sense but also allows for fresh interpretations that challenge preconceived norms,' she says.

**Sanlam Portrait Award entries must be submitted by 23 July 2015. The overall winner will receive a prize of R100 000 and will be announced at a gala event at Rust-en-Vrede Gallery on 27 August 2015. [sanlamportraitaward.co.za](http://sanlamportraitaward.co.za), [rust-en-vrede.com](http://rust-en-vrede.com)**

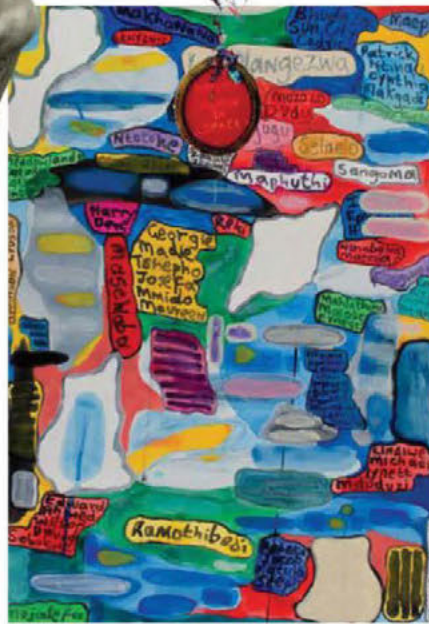
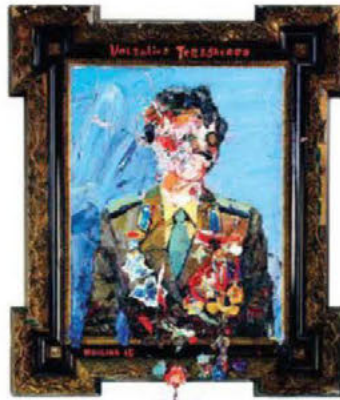
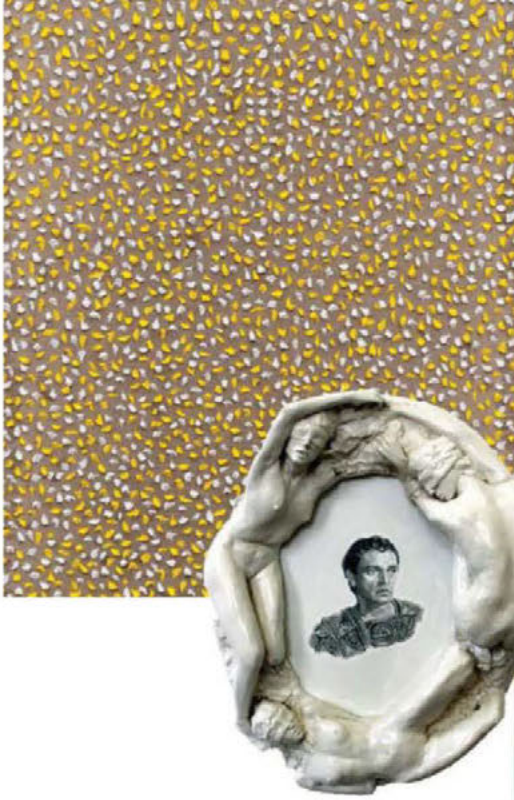
## Is there an artwork you regret not buying?

I came across the works in Lorraine Loots' *365 Postcards for Ants* quite late at her exhibition at the Spin Street Gallery. The fun works were all sold out (Ernestine White); a tiny Frank Auerbach painting for £5 000! (Craig Wylie); just exhibitions I regret having missed seeing (Tanya Poole).

## Which artwork do you wish you'd bought 10 years ago?

A Nandipha Mntambo cowhide sculpture (EW); something by Adrian Ghenie, whom I thought would go on to great things (CW); I wish I'd bought a Simon Stone, a Colbert Mashile, a Luan Nel and a Penny Siopis when I could have afforded them (TP). **New artists you've got your eye on?** Richard Mudariki, Khanyisile Mbongwe, Gerald Machona, Igshaan Adams, Pierre Fouché (EW); Jake Aikman, Matthew Hindley, Gerald Machona, Lindi Lombard, Igshaan Adams, Kate Gottgens, Anthony Morton, Desmond Mnyila, Omar Ba, Mbali Khoza, Chemutai Ng'ok (TP). **Which local artists are doing**





CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT 'The Flower Seller' by Irma Stern; 'The Southern Double-collared Sunbird (*Cinnyris chalybeus*)' by Lorraine Loots, from her *365 Postcards for Ants* series; Ernestine White; 'Enchantment' by Nandipha Mntambo; 'ZaVa IV. Bordeaux, 2013' by Zanele Muholi; Craig Wylie; an untitled work by Robin Rhode; 'Valentina Tereshkova' by Nigel Mullins; 'Oil on Canvas' by Jake Aikman; Tanya Poole; 'Imagined' by Moshekwa Langa; 'Mark Anthony' by Nina Fowler.



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## 'The diversity of the artists who make up the local art scene equates to a diverse range of media and subject matter being explored.'

**well internationally?** Currently Mikhael Subotzky, Zanele Muholi and Athi-Patra Ruga (EW); Marlene Dumas is massive. William Kentridge is ever present. David Goldblatt has received the Cornell Capa Lifetime Achievement award. Robin Rhode has extensive elite gallery representation and Lionel Smit can't help but sell paintings (CW); from Africa: Wangechi Mutu, Julie Mehretu, Candice Breitz, Chéri Samba, Moshekwa Langa (TP). **What is your favourite piece of art in your own home?** My favourite work to date that I own is Berni Searle's series *Waiting #3*. Also my Jim Dine lithographs that I printed for the artist as a Tamarind Master Printer in Lithography (EW); a wonderful small drawing by my partner Nina Fowler of Richard Burton as Mark Anthony (CW);

a small work by my husband, the artist Nigel Mullins (TP). **What would you buy now for investment purposes or because you love it?** For investment purposes, a Dumile Feni bronze sculpture, and because I love them, any of the tapestry works by Athi-Patra Ruga from his 2013 solo show at Whatiftheworld gallery (EW); for both reasons, [the work of] Ryan Mosley (CW); a Jake Aikman and an Anton Karstel (TP). **Is there a dominant theme in current local art?** There is no dominant theme that I can see. The diversity of the artists who make up the local art scene equates to a diverse range of media and subject matter being explored (EW); as an expat, I'm interested to see what emerges from the submissions in this year's competition (CW); there is certainly focus on the

complexity of identity, and of historical revisioning. Performance art is very strong at the moment... and painting is making a big comeback! (TP). **Who is your favourite contemporary local artist?** Athi-Patra Ruga (EW); it's a toss-up between William Kentridge, David Goldblatt and Robert Hodgins (CW); I'm interested in Brett Bailey's work and the responses it has provoked (TP). **And great South African master?** The great rock art painters of southern Africa (EW); Irma Stern (CW); Marlene Dumas (TP). **What is your all-time favourite artwork and artist?** It would have to be Frida Kahlo's 'Self Portrait with Thorn Necklace and Hummingbird' (EW); 'Pope Innocent X' by Velazquez. An extraordinary coagulation of paint and portrayal (CW); I can't narrow it down to one. I'm a great fan of Hals, Rembrandt, Vermeer. As for contemporary artists, I'd say Anish Kapoor, Mamma Andersson, Julie Mehretu, Gerhard Richter, Luc Tuymans and Wilhelm Sasnal (TP). ☐





## SNAPSHOT: BMW i3

BMW's rather incredible new i3 is another front-wheel-drive car. Built from carbon fibre and aluminium to save weight, it's fully electric or available with a small range-extending petrol generator. On a full charge costing about R20 it'll run for around 160km – perfect for small commutes. It's available from R525 000.



# moving forward

BMW's sporty front-wheel-drive offering has a generous interior and is perfect for family life

TEXT CIRO DE SIENA

This is a car that fans of BMW have wanted for some time and this is also the car that fans of BMW have been repulsed by for some time – for one simple reason: the power developed by the engine is sent to the front wheels only, breaking a tradition that's lasted as long as the company.

If you're not a petrol enthusiast it's difficult to understand what all the fuss is about. Briefly, rear-wheel-drive cars are generally more engaging to drive and they're closer to the design used in motorsport. This makes purists happy. Front-wheel-drive cars are seen as glorified shopping trolleys. However, BMW discovered that (almost) no one cares after surveying owners of its (rear-wheel-drive) 1-Series.

My first impression of the BMW 225i Active Tourer Sport Auto was the incredibly airy feeling in the cabin. My test unit was specced with a full-length panoramic roof, which added to this, but standard cabins will feel roomy, even vast compared to a normal sedan. Rear leg room is generous and overall the car feels like a full-size SUV that just sits closer to the ground.

While the car doesn't feel like a BMW to drive it certainly has the spirit of the brand: with a very eager engine riding on a well-sorted suspension setup, the handling is comparable to a fairly sporty hatchback. It's certainly not boring, which I think is mission accomplished for BMW.

The interior is elegant, especially in piano black trim and, with more vertical space to play with, the designers have visibly enjoyed stacking the centre console, resulting in a thoroughly modern and uncluttered dashboard. The instrument cluster is classic BMW but sliding out behind the dials on startup is a heads-up display system that looks like Robocop's visor, and is standard across the range.

The slightly raised seating position will be appreciated, while the space offered rivals SUVs, which are twice as bulky and cost twice the price.

The boot space is ample at 468 litres and switches release the rear-seat uprights to create a flat load area offering 1 510 litres, which should swallow just about anything you can buy at a hardware/furniture store.

It's all certainly a departure for BMW but it's one that will make sense to moms and dads. [bmw.co.za](http://bmw.co.za)

## all systems go!

**Model:** BMW 225i Active Tourer Sport Auto

**Engine:** 2.0 litre turbocharged four cylinder petrol, 170kW, 0–100km/h: 6.6 seconds, top speed: 240km/h

**Combined fuel consumption:** 5.9 litres/100km  
**CO<sub>2</sub>:** 138g/km

**Luggage compartment:** 468/1 510 litres

**Price:** R466 147



# sanlam portrait award 2015

## Three months left to enter the Sanlam Portrait Award competition

### R100 000 prize on offer

There are only three months left for artists to enter the second Sanlam Portrait Award competition – the closing date for entries is 23 July 2015. Launched in 2013, the award celebrates and showcases the best of original portraiture in South Africa. Sponsored by Sanlam Private Wealth, in partnership with Durbanville's Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, it offers a substantial prize of R100 000.

### Why should you enter?

In addition to the monetary prize, a popular incentive for entrants is the fact that Sanlam Private Wealth will sponsor the entry of the winning artist's portrait into the BP Portrait Award 2016 (should it comply with the BP Portrait Award criteria), an annual portraiture competition held at the National Portrait Gallery in London, England. Stefan Hundt, head of the art advisory service of Sanlam Private Wealth, describes the BP Portrait Award as 'reputedly one of the most prestigious international art competitions for portraiture'.

The winning artist will also have the opportunity of a solo exhibition at Durbanville's Rust-en-Vrede Gallery in July 2017. His or her entry will be featured in the 2015 Sanlam Portrait Award catalogue, will grace the cover of the 2017 catalogue and, under the auspices of the Sanlam Art Collection, will go on tour as one of the selected top 40 portraits to various museums and galleries throughout South Africa after the exhibition at Rust-en-Vrede Gallery.

'Sanlam Private Wealth recognises that art is an important part of South



'Mamphela Ramphele'  
by Tamlin Blake

Africa's diverse culture and identity. The Sanlam Portrait Award provides the opportunity for established and aspiring artists to give expression to that identity and have it showcased country wide for all South Africans to appreciate and enjoy,' says Hundt.

### Country-wide exhibition

It is in this spirit that the independently adjudicated top 40 artworks will be exhibited at Rust-en-Vrede Gallery and join the nationwide tour. At the same time an additional 60 works will be exhibited at the Irma Stern Museum and the Casa Labia in Cape Town. This means the top 100 portraits, as selected by the judges, will be exhibited to a wide audience in South Africa and members of the public will have the opportunity to purchase the works on display.

### Ease of entry

'To encourage more entries this year we have adapted the entry requirements slightly,' says Hundt. The 2015 competition is open to artists 18 years and older who are residents of South Africa (the 2013 age requirement was 21 years). Entries are restricted to two-dimensional works and the delivery of these works will be facilitated by

Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, which has contracted Stuttaford Van Lines as the official courier service for the Sanlam Portrait Award. Entrants may drop off their unwrapped portraits at any of the nationwide depots as listed on the entry form. Stuttaford Van Lines will wrap the work and arrange for it to be couriered to the gallery free of charge.

### Independent judges

All works will be judged anonymously by a panel of three independent judges consisting of Tanya Poole, Craig Wylie and Ernestine White, and convened by Stefan Hundt.

The first Sanlam Portrait Award, held in 2013, attracted a staggering 1 783 entries. 'The calibre of entries received in the inaugural competition was excellent and we look forward to reviewing the portraits of the 2015 entrants,' says Hundt.

### Winner announcement

The winner will be announced at a gala event to be held at Rust-en-Vrede Gallery in Durbanville on 27 August 2015. For more information on the competition, entry forms and competition rules, visit [www.sanlamportraitaward.co.za](http://www.sanlamportraitaward.co.za) or [www.rust-en-vrede.com](http://www.rust-en-vrede.com)





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# 101 dream escapes

If home is where the heart is, who'd mind locking up and heading off for the holidays when it's to a place that feels as warm and welcoming as your very own? We've searched city and country, beside the sea and tucked in the mountains, for the ultimate homes away from home: the stand-alone places that you can rent for private use. From sprawling family affairs to romantic couples' retreats, rustic bolt holes to blow-the-budget beach villas, stylish urban digs to secluded suites deep in the bush, these are without a doubt South Africa's hottest vacation rentals. All that remains is to pack your bags.

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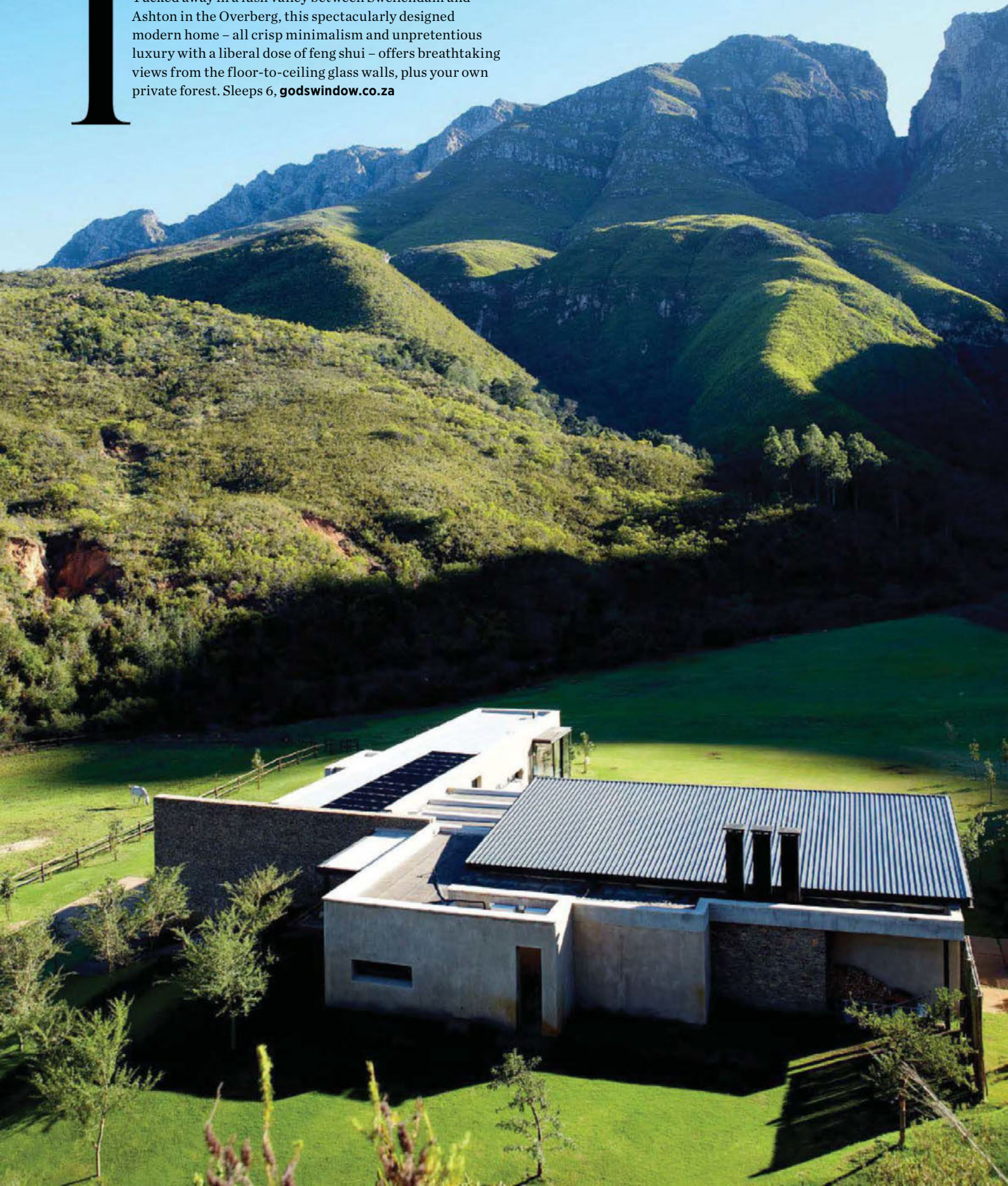
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Churchhaven,  
Western Cape



# I Godswindow

Tucked away in a lush valley between Swellendam and Ashton in the Overberg, this spectacularly designed modern home – all crisp minimalism and unpretentious luxury with a liberal dose of feng shui – offers breathtaking views from the floor-to-ceiling glass walls, plus your own private forest. Sleeps 6, [godswindow.co.za](http://godswindow.co.za)







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### Ivory Lodge, Lion Sands

When you're not sighing over the astoundingly tasteful interiors – all warm monochromes and contemporary African flair – you'll be doing so over the views of the Sabie River from the deck or private rim-flow pool of your villa, one of six at this luxe lodge. Each villa sleeps 2, [lionsands.com](http://lionsands.com)

3

**BARTHOLOMEWS LOFT** A former church, this warmly stylish converted loft space in Grahamstown is kitted out with everything you need for a comfortable stay. Sleeps 6, [bartholomewsloft.co.za](http://bartholomewsloft.co.za)



4

### Zonnestraal

You won't want to venture much further than the ocean-facing patio of this house, which is set right on the main beach in Paternoster. Beautiful decor in charcoal and shades of white offsets the dazzling blue of sea and sky. It's a home made for entertaining. Sleeps 8, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)



5

### Athol Place Villa

It's so close to the Sandton CBD you could reach out and touch the concrete jungle, yet you feel a million miles away lounging beside your own pool or having dinner whipped up by your own private chef. Sleeps 6 adults and 2 children, [atholplace.co.za](http://atholplace.co.za) ▸

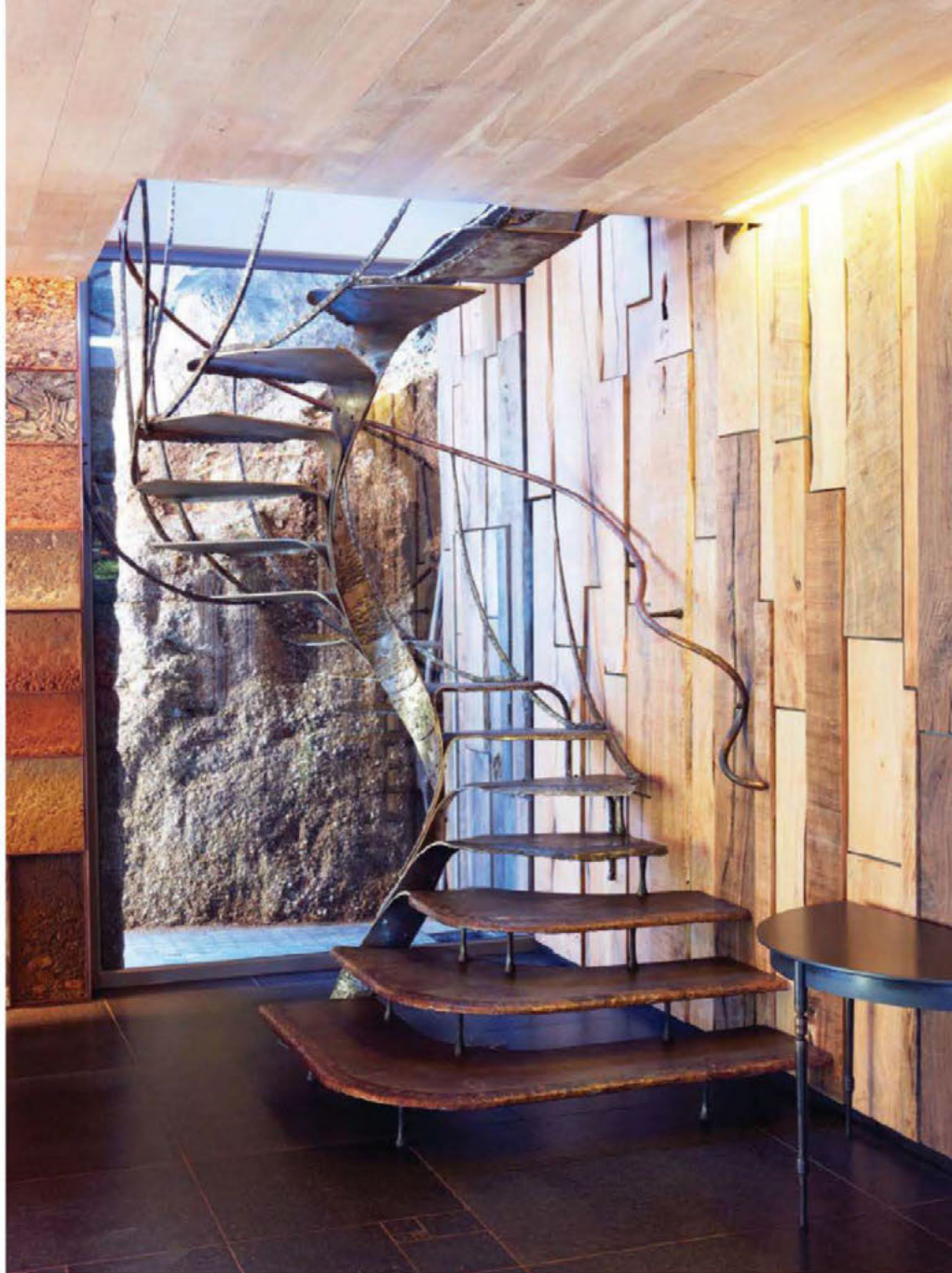


# 6

## ELLERMAN HOUSE VILLA TWO

Cape Town's swankiest digs by far, multiple levels feature en-suite rooms and dreamy sea views. There's also an intimate cinema, infinity pool and notable art collection but it's the villa's design detailing that most impresses.

Sleeps 6,  
[ellerman.co.za](http://ellerman.co.za)

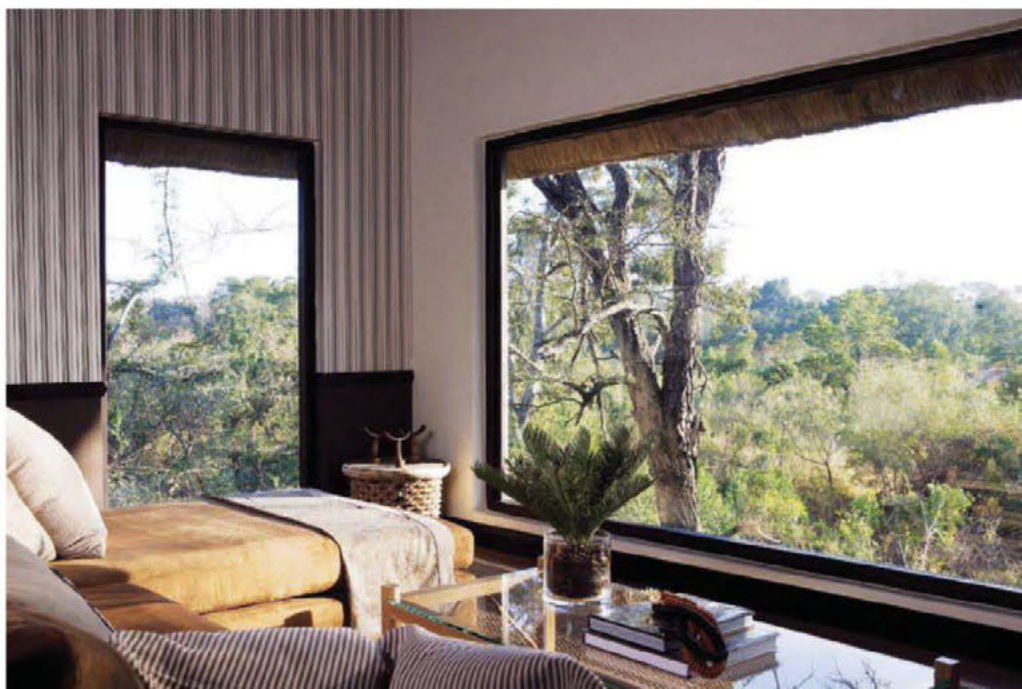


# 7

## Pioneer Camp, Londolozi

If it's seclusion you're after, along with lavishly appointed lodgings, mesmerising bush surrounds and top game viewing, this Mpumalanga camp fits the bill. Its three private suites are easily converted into a spacious private villa, the ultimate wilderness hide-out. Sleeps 6–14,

[londolozi.com](http://londolozi.com)





# 8

## India House

You could be the only people in the world when you stay in this sandstone cottage set on 2 500ha of fynbos and cradled by mountains in Bain's Kloof in the Western Cape. When not lolling in the pool or river you'll be cooking up a storm in the kitchen, a chef's dream. It's furnished with flair (the lapis-blue door was found in India) and effortlessly cool Bohemian touches. Sleeps 6, [bastiaanskloof.co.za](http://bastiaanskloof.co.za) >







# 9

## Presidential Suite, The Oyster Box

The Oyster Box is already well known as the grandest old dame along the Umhlanga coast due to its iconic lighthouse and proud history. The presidential suite puts you in your own luxe realm, including private pool, kitchen, bar and dining room – so you can escape all the celebrities, of course! Sleeps 4, [oysterboxhotel.com](http://oysterboxhotel.com)

# 10

## NOETZIE CASTLES

Seaside escapes don't get more magical than in a turreted castle on a golden beach near Knysna. Here, medieval flourishes co-exist with modern conveniences and drop-dead views. Each castle sleeps 12 or 13, [noetziecastles.co.za](http://noetziecastles.co.za)

# 11

## Clarens Manor

You'll want to spend all your time cooking and feasting with friends in the expansive kitchen of this lovingly renovated Clarens, Free State, home. Open and airy, with vast windows offering gorgeous mountain views, it's a family-friendly place made for relaxing and having fun. Sleeps 10, [wheretostay.co.za](http://wheretostay.co.za)





## 12

**Urban Escape**

This chic apartment in Braamfontein, one of Joburg's hippest urban hubs, takes skyline views and designer furniture to the point where urban living is undeniably urbane. Plus it has some of the city's coolest bars, restaurants, galleries and coffee shops on its doorstep. Sleeps 2, [airbnb.com](https://airbnb.com) ▷







# 13

## AKASHA MOUNTAIN RETREAT

There's a heady touch of Marrakech in this chilled-out mountain escape near Heidelberg in the Western Cape, from the architecture to treasured Moroccan finds. Being off the grid, simply soak up the ambience, take river dips and unwind. Sleeps 8–10, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)



# 14

## Fynbos Suites, Farm 215

You'll feel blissfully immersed in nature when hiding out in these stylish modern lodgings set unobtrusively amid the wildly beautiful Cape Agulhas plains. Designed to sit lightly on the earth, the three suites are completely off the grid and an eco-minded approach underpins just about every aspect of this unique getaway. A bonus is having neighbouring Lomond wine estate offering tastings just metres away. Each suite sleeps 2, [farm215.co.za](http://farm215.co.za)



## 15

## Island Suite, One&amp;Only Cape Town

It's easy to wake up wondering where in the world you are when ensconced in your deliciously private suite on the resort's island. Surrounded by waterways and towering palms, there's a sense of being away from it all while you're right in the hub of the V&A Waterfront. The spacious one- and two-bedroom suites all have a lounge and dining area and sunny terrace, and the larger suites also have a kitchen. Sleeps 2-4, [capetown.oneandonlyresorts.com](http://capetown.oneandonlyresorts.com) ▸



## Bloomsbury Cottage

This charming, eclectically styled cottage full of vintage finds and comfy furniture offers a peaceful country escape in Stanford, Western Cape. The village might have plenty of lovely dining spots but your best meals will be those enjoyed on the shaded veranda, followed by a dip in the pool. Sleeps 6, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)

**17 OVER-THE  
EDGE**  
Hogsback is magical at any time of year and this thatched rondavel on the edge of the cliff at The Edge Mountain Retreat is the epitome of rustic romance. Sleeps 2, [theedge-hogsback.co.za](http://theedge-hogsback.co.za)



## 18

### Kliphuis

Some places just seem made for cosy winter holidays with big hearth fires and epic dinners, and this wonderful stone farmhouse near Graaff-Reinet is one of them. Spend your days hiking or biking or lazing on the stoep, taking in the serene Karoo landscape. Sleeps 8, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)





# 19

## THE COTTAGE @ MONTPELLIER

It's all rustic luxury at this secluded cottage on a working olive farm in Franschhoek. Casual colonial styling includes the comfiest slipcovered sofas with (like everywhere in the house) incredible views. Snuggle in front of the fire in winter, dip in the plunge pool in summer. Bliss.

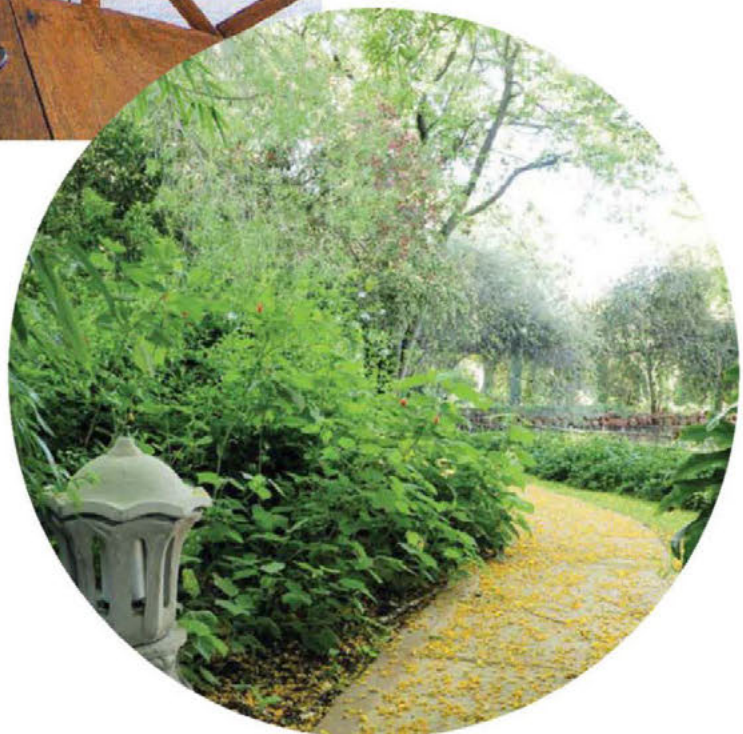
Sleeps 4, [capestay.co.za](http://capestay.co.za)



# 20

## The Farmhouse Cottage, Quiet Mountain Country House

You'll be utterly seduced by the garden at this Magaliesburg retreat, which offers several accommodation options – though you must stay at Room 9, in a separate cottage on the other side of an orchard, with its own plunge pool. Colonial country touches abound and the delicious farm fare gets full marks. Sleeps 2, [quietmountain.co.za](http://quietmountain.co.za) ▷





# 21

## Rockhaven Farm

A working apple and olive farm in the Elgin Valley, Rockhaven is also a favourite wedding venue for its matchless location (vows take place in a modern, open-sided barn at the edge of the dam). Three elegant suites in the main house are a natural choice for the bridal party accommodation but better yet is the discreet, two-bedroomed self-catering cottage with its own private garden and patio. Sleeps 6–10, [rockhavenfarm.co.za](http://rockhavenfarm.co.za)





# 22

## Two Angels

It's a place where you could easily stay forever, living on nothing but oysters and dips in the warm Knysna lagoon. This lovely stone villa is roomy enough for family, friends and hangers-on (additional cottages can be included), all of whom will be mesmerised by the blaze of bougainvillea against the shimmering blues all about. It's made for lazy holidays. Sleeps 15, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)

# 23

## At the Beach

You'll want to rise with the sun and claim prime position on the deck of this Britannia Bay villa to watch dolphins playing in the waves – or enjoy the views that stretch right across the bay from one of the outside showers.

An upscale West Coast stay, it's wonderfully comfortable with a look that's cool, toned-down chic. Sleeps 8, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)



# 24

## Straw Bales

It's pure bucolic magic in this Calitzdorp cottage, built the traditional way using straw bales. The earth-toned walls and floors, reed ceilings and slatted wooden shutters meet simple farm-style furnishings and snow-white linens for a strikingly beautiful and calming effect. There's also a rustic outside shower with vineyard views. Sleeps 2, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za) >





# 25

## THE MADIBA VILLA, THE CELLARS-HOHENORT

If it's classic style in a grand setting you're after, this luxurious villa at The Cellars-Hohenort in the Constantia Valley is the place to go. Elegant and tastefully decorated, it's also wonderfully welcoming and homely. Sleeps 6, [collectionmcgrath.com](http://collectionmcgrath.com)



# 26

## The Lofts Boutique Hotel

Forget the Hamptons, these casually elegant lodgings on Knysna's Thesen Island do the trick. Opt for a self-catering unit with gorgeous lagoon views for a dreamy family break. Sleeps 4, [knysnahotel.co.za](http://knysnahotel.co.za)

# 27

## Pebbles

You don't have to be a surfer to love Cape Town's rustic Kommetjie, though you'll be tempted to take it up here. Steps away from the beach, this roomy clapboard home decked out in soft nautical tones is all about barefoot luxury. Sleeps 10, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)







# 28

## Pikkewyntjie

You can roll out of bed and be on Paternoster's famous sandy beach in two minutes or simply wallow in bed and enjoy the ocean views. You'll also like hanging out in this intimate, tastefully styled cottage, built around a central courtyard with a water feature where the kids can cool off. There's a wood-burning stove and inviting outdoor dining area. Sleeps 6, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)

# 29

## Stoney Cottage

Who wants to go camping when you can set up a base for hiking and other outdoor adventures right here in this amazing house on a private nature reserve on Route 62 in the Karoo? It's off the grid, so it's just as good as being in the great wide open, but with all the comforts: hot showers (and there's also an open-air bathtub), generous couches for book reading, a sociable open-plan kitchen and great decor. Then there's the added benefit of skinny dips in the rock pool, too. Sleeps 8, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za) >





**30 RHODES COTTAGE, BOSCHENDAL**  
 Designed by Sir Herbert Baker, and set on Boschendal Wine Estate, one of South Africa's oldest farms in the Drakenstein Valley, this newly refurbished historic cottage gives you access to the entire farm, where you can walk, fish, cycle or swim in the dam or the ecofriendly pool. It's like being lord of the manor! Sleeps up to 10, [boschendal.com](http://boschendal.com)



**31**

**Bloomestate**

With its quaint restaurants and picturesque scenery, Swellendam is a gem of a town and this special spot makes a weekend break here all the better. When not browsing magazines in the spacious lounge building, swimming in the heated saltwater pool or being pampered in the spa, you might simply enjoy relaxing in your fashionably appointed room. Our pick is the exclusive Red Cloud Room, which sleeps 2, [bloomestate.com](http://bloomestate.com)



**32**

**UmSisi House**

Minutes away from the Kruger Park's Numbi Gate, in the Jock of the Bushveld Conservancy, a large country house might yet be the best way to experience the nature reserve. Perfect for an exclusive group holiday, it's easy to organise trips to the reserve but have your own country hideaway to return to at the end of the day. Sleeps 10, [umsisihouse.com](http://umsisihouse.com)



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### The Aviary

This tucked away retreat in Higgovale feels like a bird-filled sanctuary on the treed slopes of Table Mountain in one of Cape Town's most sought-after enclaves. The Aviary's imaginative bird-themed interiors complement the views and setting but you'll still be tempted to spend your time relaxing on the rooftop. Sleeps 8, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)

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**Tree House:  
Contemporary  
African**  
On a jacaranda-lined street in the heart of Jozi's northern suburbs a luxurious, voluminous home in a well-established garden is just the kind of sanctuary to kick back in after a day of exploring the city. Sleeps 6, [airbnb.com](http://airbnb.com)

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### Cullinan Falls Trout Farm

This lovely country escape in Mpumalanga has everything you need for a weekend of trout fishing – and chilling out, too. After a day in the open, warm up beside the wood-burning kitchen stove or glowing hearth. Sleeps 8, [cullinanfarm.co.za](http://cullinanfarm.co.za) ▷



# 36

## Tsala Treetop Lodge Villas

In pristine forest between Plett and Knysna, Tsala's private villas, elevated to the level of the treetops on stilts, make for the most magical way to experience the setting. The architecture will make you feel at home in the forest canopy while enjoying your own infinity pool, large lounge and dining area. Each villa sleeps 4, [tsala.hunterhotels.com](http://tsala.hunterhotels.com)



## Vineyard Suite, La Residence

The five stand-alone suites are a more contemporary take on luxury alongside the majestic Versailles-like La Residence main hotel in Franschhoek. The well-appointed suites are all finished in rich textures and vivid bursts of colour. It's total privacy in a thoroughly comfortable and high-end setting. Sleeps 2-6, [laresidence.co.za](http://laresidence.co.za)

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## Whalesong

In season you can spot whales in the bay from the splendid vantage point on the deck of this False Bay cottage but you might be too busy enjoying the abundant artworks and the considered interiors, which meld classic and contemporary pieces with easy style. There are formal and informal sitting rooms, depending on your mood. Sleeps 8, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)





## 39

**Babylonstoren  
Farm Hotel**

'Suite' is a seeming misnomer for the self-catering accommodation on this remarkable property near Paarl. While referencing the traditional Cape Dutch vernacular, the architecture and interiors are contemporary and fresh – no less so the glass-encased cooking and dining area, which faces onto Babylonstoren's magical garden. Sleeps 2–4, [babylonstoren.com](http://babylonstoren.com)



## 40

**HOUSE AWE**

A sense of awe is exactly what guests will have when settling into this comfortable and individualistic old Cape Town home in the City Bowl. It's a Sir Herbert Baker-designed house and has a pretty garden and expansive views but it's the calm, subtly layered interiors and artistic touches that set it apart. Sleeps 6–8, [inawestays.co.za](http://inawestays.co.za) ▷





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## Karoo View Cottages

Enjoy the best of both worlds at these Prince Albert cottages, set close enough to the village to get a feel for its colourful life, yet sufficiently far removed for a peaceful break from it all. Pick fresh produce from the veggie tunnel for dinner and settle on the stoep to take in the tranquil surrounds. Sleeps 2, [karooview.co.za](http://karooview.co.za)

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## THREE TREES AT SPIOENKOP

Enjoy the Drakensberg in style at this special spot. Our pick is the stand-alone self-catering Churchills villa. Sleeps 4, [threetreehill.co.za](http://threetreehill.co.za)



43

## Hillhouse

This large converted farm shed in Dargle, close to Midmar Dam and other KwaZulu-Natal Midlands attractions, is just the place to go with a bunch of friends for an extended weekend. The chefs in the group will all be vying for control of the open-plan kitchen after which dinner can be eaten beside a roaring fire. Sleeps 12, [hillhouse.co.za](http://hillhouse.co.za)





# 44

## Morning Mist

Its close proximity to Cape Town, unchanging quaintness (thanks to strict building regulations) and the warm water of the lagoon make Churchhaven an exceptionally sought-after getaway. If you've a weakness for weathered textures, earthy hues, slubby linens and all things tactile, then this cottage will capture your soul. Sleeps 6, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za) ▶



# 45

## Freestone Farm

Set in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands, with ubiquitous birdsong, serene dams and undulating hills, this farm property is a place to connect with nature. Wake up early to get in a spot of trout fishing, then take a plunge to escape the afternoon heat. In between, the wraparound veranda is a great place to take in the magic of this verdant location. Sleeps 12, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)



# 46

## The Pavilion

A tiny minimalist glass box paying tribute to Mies van der Rohe in an immaculate landscaped setting on a farm. The Pavilion is all about modern architecture bringing you closer to the remarkable natural scenery in the heart of the Cradle of Humankind in Gauteng. Sleeps 2, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)





# 47

## Garden Cottage Suites, Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel

A row of eight immaculately restored Victorian cottages, all in the same telltale pink as Cape Town's famed 'Nellie', provides a somewhat more out-of-the-way stay than the adjacent hotel. Facing onto an adult only pool, fringed with carefully tended gardens, they're amazingly homely, complete with spacious living and dining areas. Sleeps 2,

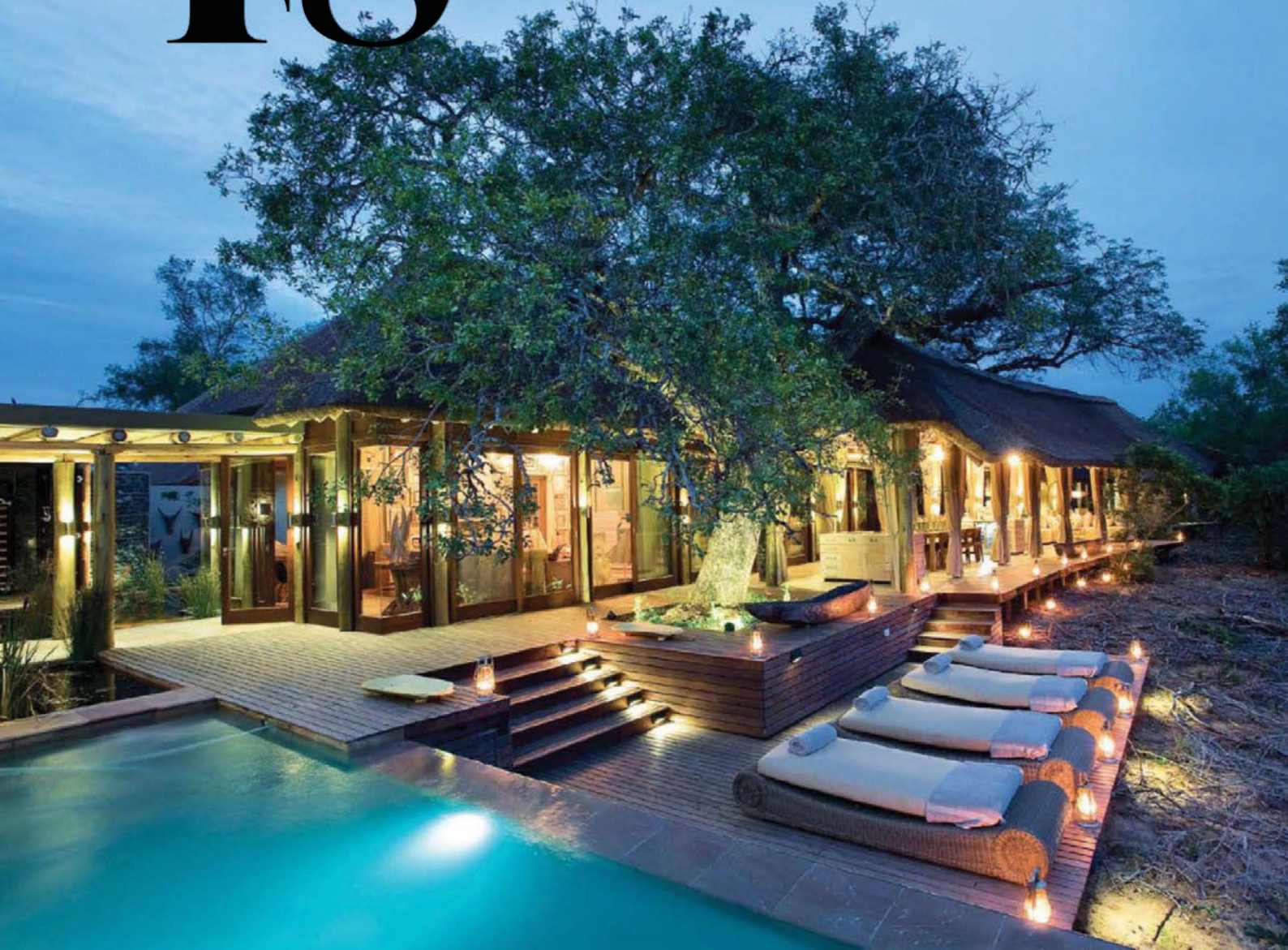
[mountnelson.co.za](http://mountnelson.co.za)



# 48

## &Beyond Phinda Homestead, Phinda Private Game Reserve

This chic sole-use villa in northern KwaZulu-Natal takes the notion of a bush escape with friends or family to a whole different level. Breathe in the stillness out on the deck or watch for ellies from a lounger beside the pool while your private chef whips up lunch. Sleeps 8, [andbeyond.com](http://andbeyond.com) ▷





# 49

## Twin Towers, Fairview Estates

Farm getaways rarely get as captivating as this Fouriesburg, Free State, spot, not least of all for the unique tower-like structure in which you'll be very happily installed. Richly coloured interiors feature quirky touches, generous beds, a Victorian tub for long soaks, and a small but perfectly equipped kitchen. Sleeps 8, [fairviewestates.co.za](http://fairviewestates.co.za)



# 50

**A REAL JHB CITY SAFARI** On the outskirts of Joburg you could find yourself at home in an ultra-modern glass and concrete house on an estate on a private game farm where you can view buck and giraffe. It's like being on safari in a modernist dream! Sleeps 8, [airbnb.com](http://airbnb.com)



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**The White House**

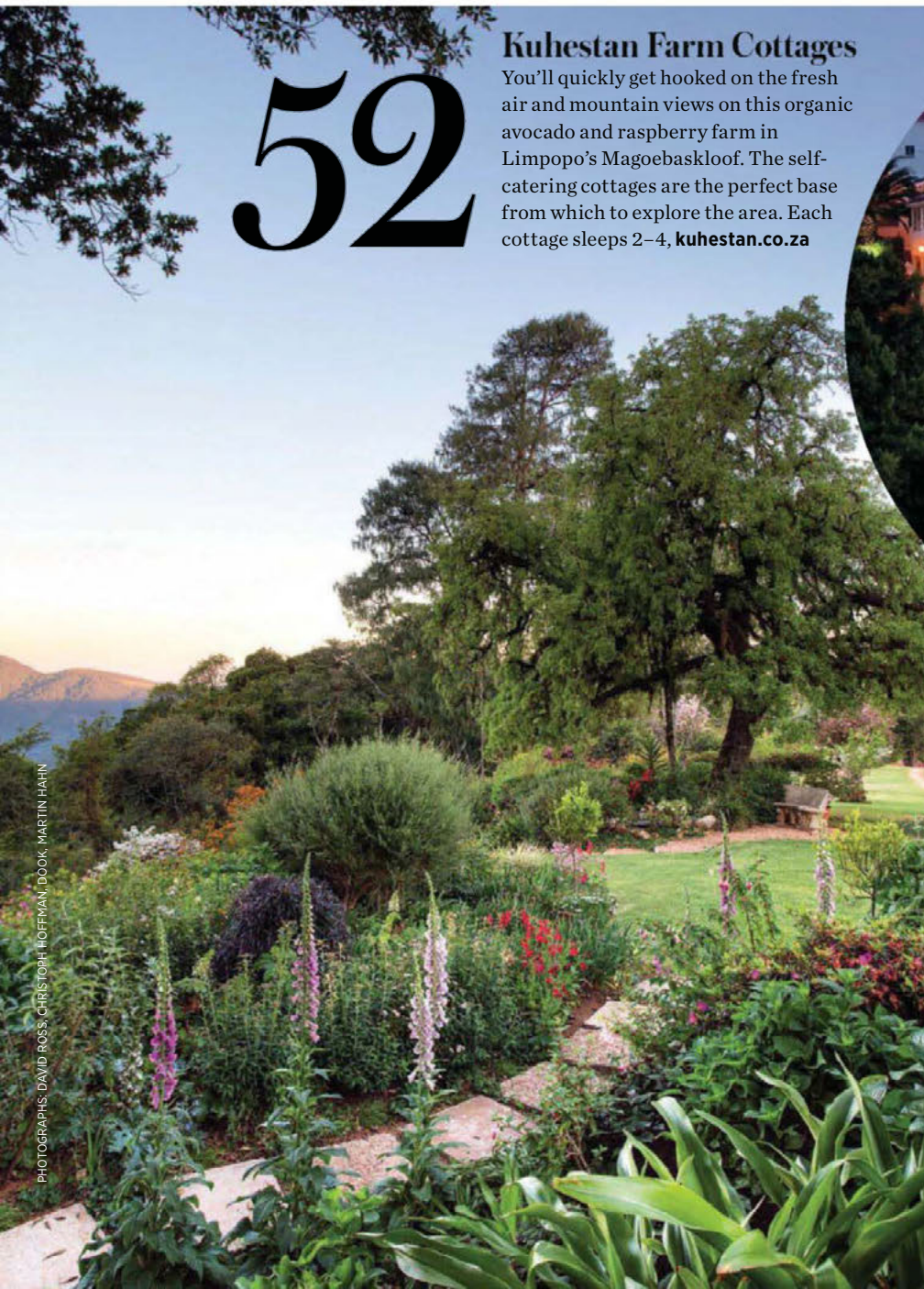
Soak up the Swartland ambience on the generous veranda of this impressively renovated historic Koringberg house with a gin and tonic in hand. The considered, artfully curated interiors and generous proportions of the space make it a pleasure to be indoors, too, and preparing dinner in the farm-style kitchen is epic amounts of fun. Sleeps 7, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)



## 52

**Kuhestan Farm Cottages**

You'll quickly get hooked on the fresh air and mountain views on this organic avocado and raspberry farm in Limpopo's Magoebaskloof. The self-catering cottages are the perfect base from which to explore the area. Each cottage sleeps 2-4, [kuhestan.co.za](http://kuhestan.co.za)

**More Quarters**

Right in the hub of Cape Town's Kloof Street precinct, these elegantly appointed lodgings are set on a cobbled side street. Choose between one- or two-bedroom apartments in restored heritage buildings or the fabulous Redcliffe House, complete with its own pool. Sleeps 2-8,

[morequarters.co.za](http://morequarters.co.za) >

## 53



# 54

## The Lighthouse

This is the West Coast beach house fantasy everyone has – a kind of sandcastle in white clapboard, with amazing views, decks for reclining on with books and drinks, and a fireplace for evening or blustery day gatherings. A sauna and plunge pool make this Yzerfontein house a treat whatever the season. Sleeps 10, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)





## 55

## St Helier

It will take a lot to rouse you from a lounger beside the pool at this sultry tropical retreat on the KwaZulu-Natal South Coast with its endless sea views. It might have all the sexy trappings of a luxe modern resort but it's also a very comfortable, inviting and superbly stylish home. Sleeps 10, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)



**56** **LONG HOPE VILLA**  
 There's not much to beat staying on a private concession in the Addo Elephant National Park, Eastern Cape, especially when your base is a restored turn-of-the-century farmhouse with its own private chef, personal guide and game vehicle. You can even do a wildlife photography course while you're here to make sure your holiday snaps do the experience justice. Sleeps 6, [longhopevilla.co.za](http://longhopevilla.co.za) ▷



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### PenHill Farm Manor House

Who would guess that among all those mountains in the Western Cape's wildly scenic Nuy Valley you'd find a manicured gem, complete with a tennis court? This is not the only lure to this grand gabled house, whose whitewashed walls hold an elegant mix of antiques and contemporary classics.

Sleeps 8, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)

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### The Old School House

Jump off a jetty into the dam or river, take a vigorous hike or laze in the garden surrounding this blissful Calitzdorp spot, built as the local church and school a century ago. Now it's a quiet retreat offering the easy comforts you want for a fun break.

Sleeps 6, [riverviewcottages.co.za](http://riverviewcottages.co.za)



**DASH APARTMENTS** These self-catering apartments in Dunkirk Estate, an award-winning architectural feat set in beautiful indigenous coastal forest on the KwaZulu-Natal North Coast at Salt Rock, make a chic base for a beach holiday. They offer sea views and access to the estate's clubhouse and facilities. Sleeps 4, [dashapartments.co.za](http://dashapartments.co.za)

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# 60

## Melkkamer Vlei Cottage

Set on the banks of the vlei in the De Hoop Nature Reserve in the Western Cape, this lovely old stone cottage provides upscale accommodation with interiors that are all about simple, country-style charm. The serene surroundings add to the enchantment. Sleeps 8, [dehoopcollection.com](http://dehoopcollection.com)



# 61

## 008 BOND HOUSE

It's all clean lines, minimalist interiors and 360-degree views of mountain and sea in this Camps Bay villa designed by award-winning architectural firm SAOTA. This place is every bit as slick and sexy as its name suggests. Sleeps up to 14, [008.co.za](http://008.co.za) ▷



## Sorbet

There's no end to the eclectic charm of this wooden Simon's Town beach house with its multiple verandas, tangle of garden and views over False Bay. It's virtually on Boulder's Beach, with the seaside charm reflected indoors in a delightfully unobvious way – think English florals beside bright pops of colour and love-worn antiques. Sleeps 7, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)

## The Love Pad

Drag your significant other here for a weekend away where you do nothing but sunbathe, then fall asleep to the sound of waves crashing on the sand. It's right on Clifton First Beach, so there's no need to climb any stairs until it's time to leave. It's a perfectly sized, open-plan apartment with tasteful interiors and priceless views. Sleeps 2, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)

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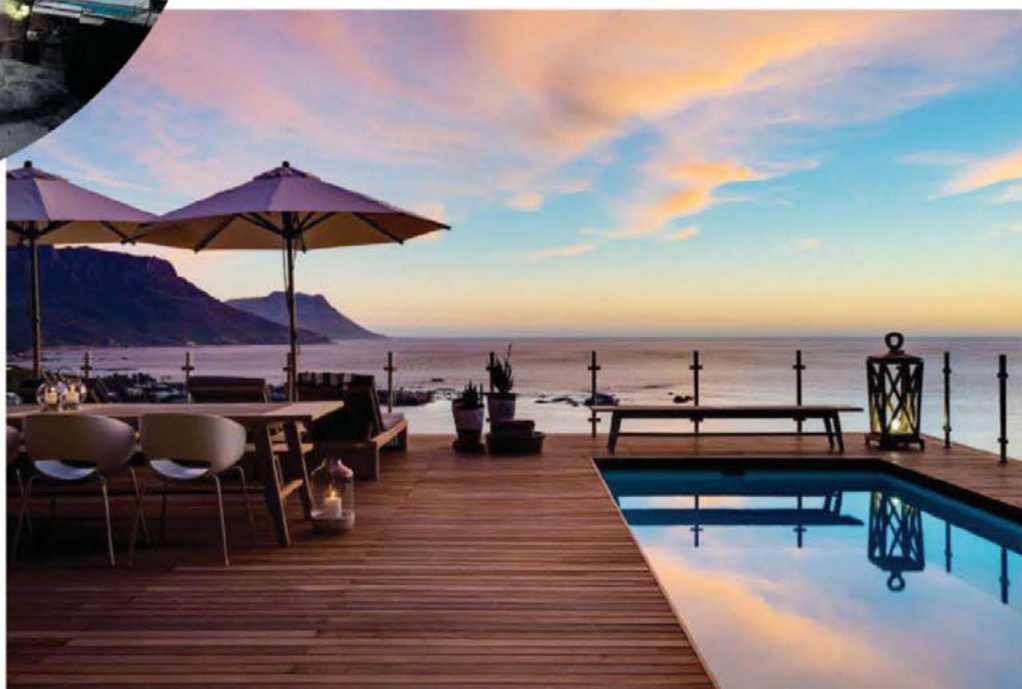
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## Cape View Clifton

Yes, it's all about the views here, and this luxurious retreat couldn't be better situated to capture the beauty of the Atlantic coastline. Opt for one of the deluxe self-catering suites, with a fitted kitchen and dining area in addition to all the other home comforts. Sleeps 2, [capeviewclifton.co.za](http://capeviewclifton.co.za)







# 65

## TANKWA RIVER LODGE

Put the dogs in the car and head off to this gloriously secluded and very cosy Karoo farmhouse. Its interiors are creatively layered with antiques, hides and collectables and there's a plunge pool for hot days. Sleeps 12, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)

# 66

## Bid Huisie

Its name, 'prayer house', references the fact that this Prince Albert cottage was once a church – and it still inspires serenity in buckets. It's a delightful, homely base from which to explore the artistic little town. Sleeps 4, [bidhuisie.co.za](http://bidhuisie.co.za) ▷





## 67 Birkenhead Villa

There's no need to rough it when whale-watching with the family in Hermanus, and this modern villa with its elegant, pared-down interiors is the last word in indulgence. Sleeps 12, [birkenheadhouse.com](http://birkenheadhouse.com)



## 68 The Lookout House

Being both close to the hub and just sufficiently removed, you get all the best parts of a Plettenberg Bay holiday at this marvellous home. While the pool area will be the family favourite hands down, the cleverly pulled-together interiors – eclectic, sophisticated and lived in all at once – will have the aesthetes among you enthralled. Sleeps 12, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)





# 69

## Grootbos Villa

This large modern villa was designed entirely with its location and astounding views in mind, with all of its en-suite rooms and shared living spaces boasting dreamy panoramas of the fynbos and ocean beyond. Filled with fine artworks and exquisitely understated furnishings, the house provides a luxuriously comfortable retreat for a special occasion.

Sleeps 12, [grootbos.com](http://grootbos.com) >





# 70

## Wild Olive House

Soak up life on the working farm Bartholomeus Klip in the prettiest of rural settings in this classically styled stand-alone spot in the Riebeeck Valley in the Western Cape. A private pool and garden provide delicious seclusion and you can choose between whipping up your own meals or dining (majestically) at the main homestead.

Sleeps 6, [bartholomeusklip.com](http://bartholomeusklip.com)



## 71

**The Manor at Samara**

You officially will go straight to heaven at this exclusive-use homestead on Samara Private Game Reserve near Graaff-Reinet. The perfectly understated interiors balance classic style with indulgent comfort against the poetic landscape of the Karoo. Sleeps 8, [samara.co.za](http://samara.co.za)



## 72

**Morning Tide**

All of the rooms in this deceptively simple Churchhaven beach house have been lent a considered touch, from the earthy palette with its occasional touches of red (a perfectly subtle nautical reference) to comfortably classic pieces. While you'll love daily lie-ins, you won't mind getting up to catch the shifting light on the lagoon. Sleeps 10, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)



## 73

**FLYCATCHER CASTLE**

**This joyfully over-the-top castle on the Drakensberg escarpment in Mpumalanga is filled with art and antiques, and is situated in pristine natural surrounds. Be the king of the castle and take over the whole lot. Sleeps 12, [flycatchercastle.com](http://flycatchercastle.com) ▷**



# 74

## South Winds

This is the ultimate escape-from-it-all bungalow, set right on the rocks in a marine reserve near Cape Point. Decked out in white and accents of blue, with bare Oregon-pine floors and simple rustic furniture, it also has a perfectly modern little kitchen. Meals on the protected stoep are as close to the sea as it gets. Sleeps 6, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)







75

## The Owner's Cottage

Hidden among the vineyards on Franschhoek's Grande Provence Heritage Wine Estate, this tranquil escape is both homely in its comforts and deliriously luxurious. Why venture out when you can dine in a private conservatory, loll about in interiors dressed in crisp white and taupe, or lounge beside an inviting pool all day long? Sleeps 10, [grandeprovence.co.za](http://grandeprovence.co.za)



76

## ZINKWAZI BEACH HOUSE

The extended covered terrace is the heart of this calm and sophisticated home set amid wild tropical splendour on KwaZulu-Natal's North Coast, with all focus on the palm-fringed beach. Sleeps 8, [zinkwazibeachhouse.co.za](http://zinkwazibeachhouse.co.za) ▷

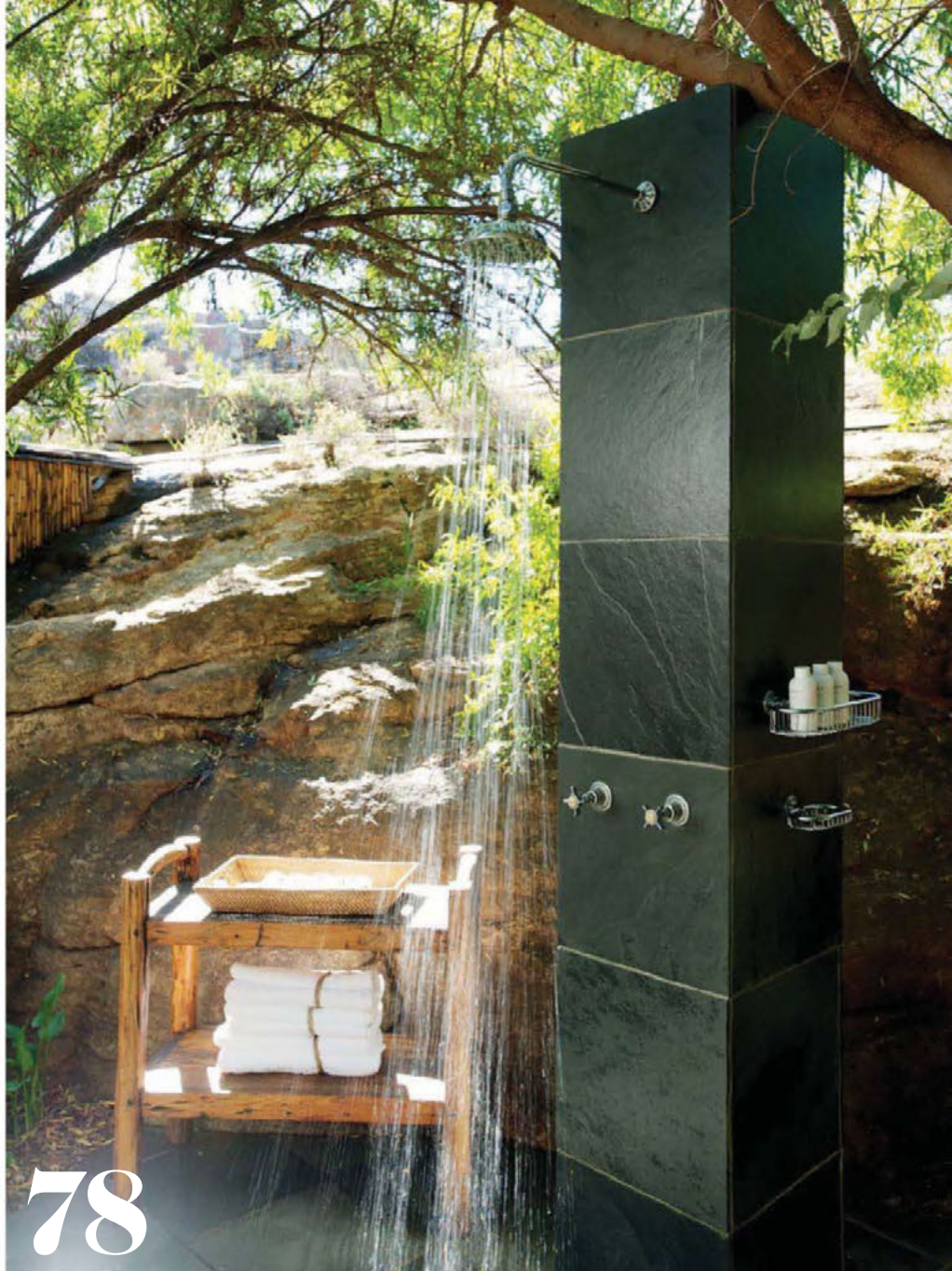


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**PALM TREE HOUSE**  
Set in Eden Rock Forest Estate at Pennington on the KwaZulu-Natal South Coast, this impressive double-storey house is expertly decorated and enjoys expansive forest and sea views. It even has a golf estate on its doorstep. Sleeps 16, [portfoliocollection.com](http://portfoliocollection.com)

## **Koro Lodge, Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Reserve & Wellness Retreat**

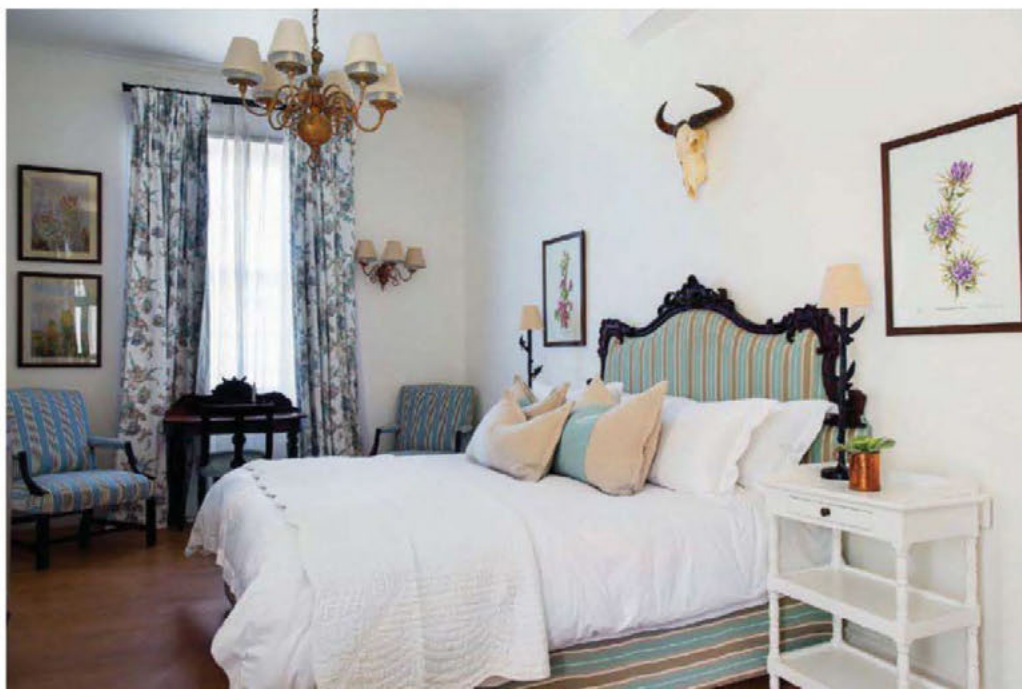
It's not only the Cederberg location – all red-hued mountains and prehistoric rock formations – that makes this stand-alone lodge so special. It's also the attention to detail that goes into everything, including the stylishly layered decor. A private chef and game ranger are deal clinchers. Sleeps 10, [bushmanskloof.co.za](http://bushmanskloof.co.za)



# 79

## **Ferreira House, Drosty Hotel**

An overhaul of Graaff-Reinet's famous hotel included transforming this old Victorian family home into a private retreat perfect for families or a group wanting an exclusive-use stay. Traditional Karoo meets modern luxury in the interiors, with a shaded pool and lovingly tended garden making the outdoor spaces just as inviting. Sleeps 14, [newmarkhotels.com](http://newmarkhotels.com)





## 80

**Fynbos**

Being completely off the grid, come evening it's all about lighting lanterns and candles and hauling out games (plus another bottle of that good red) at this characterful, comfortably appointed Churchhaven house. By day wander through the fynbos to the beach or bask on the covered stoep then mix up jugs of sangria and sit around the firepit while the sun goes down. Sleeps 8, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)

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## 81

**Fairmont Zimbali Resort Villas**

When the glass doors at these villas are stacked away you can become immersed in the lush subtropical surrounds of the KwaZulu-Natal North Coast while admiring glorious ocean vistas. Chic interiors and a plunge pool that provides relief from the humidity mean you'll never need to leave but the on-site spa and bigger lodge pool may lure you away. Sleeps 4–8, [fairmont.com/zimbali-resort](http://fairmont.com/zimbali-resort)

82 **THE VILLA  
AT HOG  
HOLLOW**

Close to Plett, this Tsitsikamma retreat has magical views and all the comforts needed for a homely escape. Sleeps 6, [hog-hollow.com](http://hog-hollow.com) ▷





# 83

## The Homestead

In a breathtaking setting surrounded by vineyards and mountains this grand 200-year-old lady in the Banghoek Valley, near Stellenbosch, has been given a modern, but no less elegant, makeover. The five-star convenience and a great entertainment area make for a memorable group or family stay. Sleeps 12, [oldenburgvineyards.com](http://oldenburgvineyards.com)



# 84

## The Loft, Old Oak Manor

If it's a peaceful weekend break you're in need of, Riebeek Kasteel in the Swartland answers all prayers, and there's really nowhere better than this spacious, light and airy loft in one of the village's oldest buildings – upstairs from a lovely café, surrounded by oaks and jacarandas. The French-country interiors are most fabulous of all, featuring layers of linen, lace and antique rugs. Sleeps 2, [cafefelix.co.za](http://cafefelix.co.za)





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## FIG TREE COTTAGE

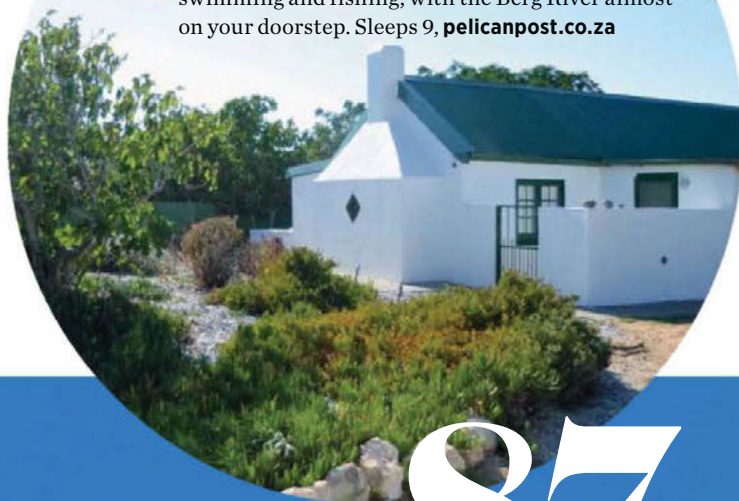
This restored Greyton cottage built in the 1850s

is nestled in the most beautiful garden with mountain views of the Overberg and a cosy fireplace. Sleeps 4, [greytonweekends.co.za](http://greytonweekends.co.za), [gogreyton.co.za](http://gogreyton.co.za)

# 86

## Pelican Post

With its white-washed walls and terracotta floors this converted fisherman's cottage retains a lot of its original charm. It's a perfect spot for swimming and fishing, with the Berg River almost on your doorstep. Sleeps 9, [pelicanpost.co.za](http://pelicanpost.co.za)



# 87

## Vrisch Gewagt House

There is something undeniably romantic about the notion of an olive farm in Prince Albert. Combine that with a lovingly refurbished early Karoo Victorian house, pristine Renosterveld and a sense of remoteness, and the romance becomes almost profound. Sleeps 8, [vrischgewagt.co.za](http://vrischgewagt.co.za) >





# 88

## Satyagraha House

It's not hard to feel meditative in this sparsely beautiful house in Johannesburg.

It was after all the home of Mohandas Gandhi for a spell in the early 1900s.

('Satyagraha' being the Sanskrit word for the passive resistance philosophy he originated here.) You can stay in one of its seven serenely decorated rooms or take

over the whole house. Sleeps up to 16,

[satyagrahahouse.com](http://satyagrahahouse.com)



# 89

## SHADES OF WHITE

There's no shortage of nooks in which to settle with a book or take a nap at this heavenly Saldanha Bay beach house, built in a U shape to allow protection on even the breeziest of West Coast days. The peaceful fynbos garden is as much a joy as the wonderful sea views. Sleeps 10, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)





**90 ALLENDALE**  
 This colonial-style farmhouse on a vast property in KZN's Little Berg is the perfect base for nature lovers, with hikes and river swims. Sleeps 8, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)



**91 Bobbejaansberg**  
 Lovers of design will revel in the attention given to every corner of this beautiful Barrydale bolt hole. Whether cooling off in the pool, cooking in the wonderful country-style kitchen or languishing in the copper tub, you'll be smitten. Sleeps 8, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)



**92**

**THE FARMHOUSE**  
 Punctuate your KwaZulu-Natal Midlands meander with a stay in this charming house at Granny Mouse Country House & Spa, which offers a self-catering option to the usual accommodation. You might still want to have at least one delicious meal at the Country House. Sleeps 12, [grannymouse.co.za](http://grannymouse.co.za) ►



# 93

## Morukuru Farm House

There's game aplenty to view and some you'll even find on the front lawn of this contemporary farmhouse in Madikwe Game Reserve in the North West province. You'll also enjoy simply luxuriating in the stylishly understated interiors – including the warm timber-clad bathroom – and savouring the delicious food. Sleeps 10, [morukuru.com](http://morukuru.com)





### Amber Suite, Earth Lodge

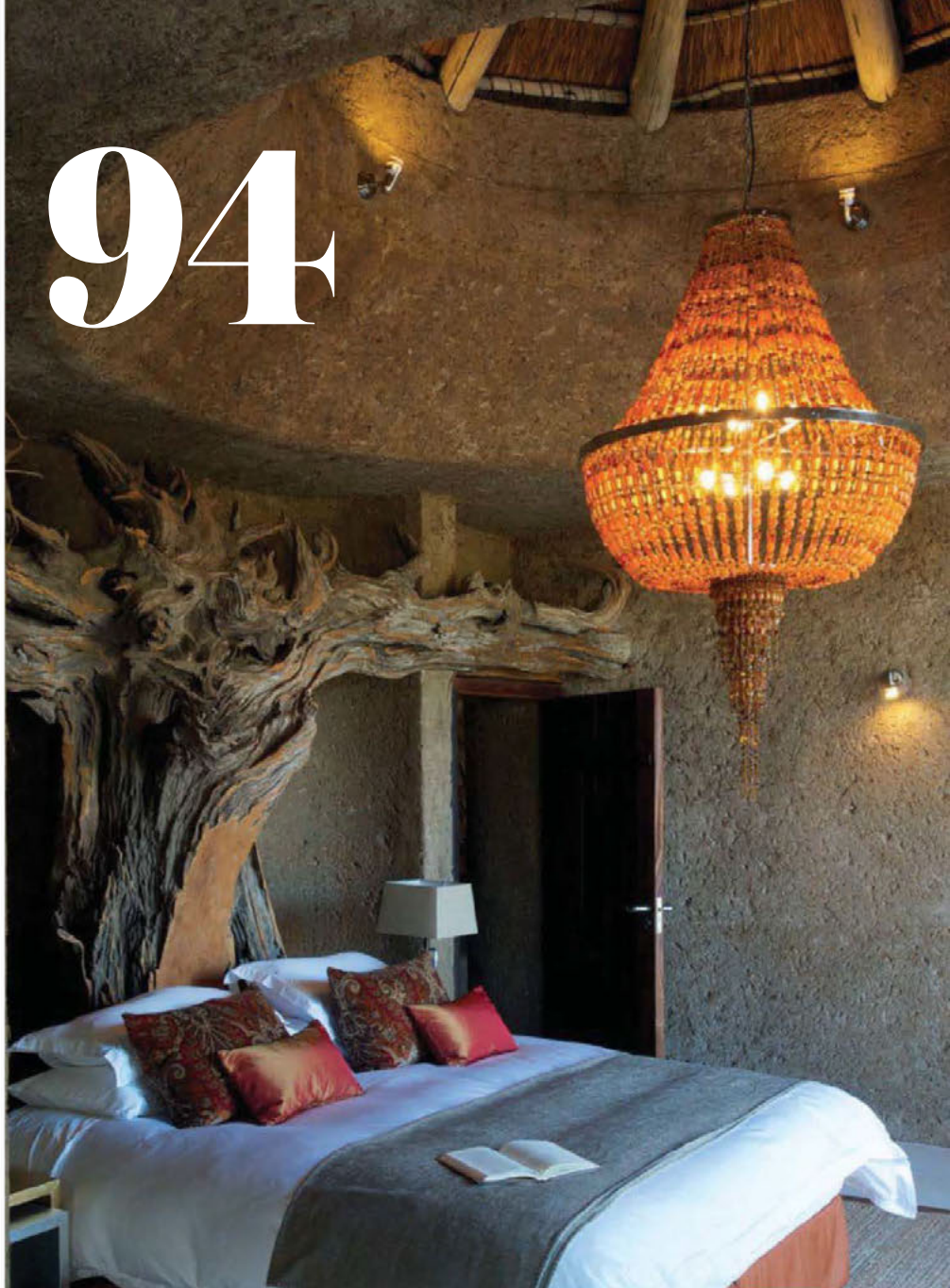
You won't find a more inspired bed to drift off in than this one, with its headboard artfully hewn by nature. The otherworldly feel continues throughout this sumptuous stand-alone suite at Sabi Sabi's Earth Lodge, from intimate dining spots (it has its own kitchen too) to the bathroom with its cocooning tub. Sleeps 2, [sabisabi.com](http://sabisabi.com)

# 94

# 95

### THE LITTLE FARM

Terracotta floors, cowhides, warm timber, antiques and colourful artworks combine mellifluously in this large but very welcoming home in Wellington. There's also a pool for those hot days. Sleeps 12, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)



# 96

### Morukuru Ocean House

This modern stone eco villa in the Western Cape's De Hoop Nature Reserve has an enviable location, a short stroll from a wonderland of caves and private beach coves. The views are the real hero but chic interiors and an open-air Dutch tub for sunset soaks are extra treats. Sleeps 8 adults and 4 children, [morukuru.com](http://morukuru.com) ▷





# 97

## Executive Luxury Villa, Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa

Enjoy the exceptional service for which this Joburg hotel is famous but in an out-of-the-way villa with seven en-suite rooms, a private dining room and lounge. Where better to enjoy balmy Highveld days than beside your own private pool with a drink? Sleeps 14, [saxon.co.za](http://saxon.co.za)



# 98

## Seagull Cottage

Everything about Churchhaven's a dream, just like everything about this laid-back cottage on the West Coast. Steps away from a beach lapped by the warm lagoon, the house has its own magnetic charm. The kids will love the swimming and the lantern-lit dinners around the dining table on the stoep. Sleeps 10-11, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)



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# 99

## Baxter House

This charmer of a beach house in Simon's Town mixes quirky finds in the best possible way. You'll love its eclectic decor as much as you will enjoy gazing out to sea. There's lots of space for special friends – board games optional. Sleeps 6-12, [perfecthideaways.co.za](http://perfecthideaways.co.za)



# 100

## The Gorge Private Game Lodge & Spa

When booking your stay at these lodgings located on the very edge of the awe-inspiring Oribi Gorge on KwaZulu-Natal's South Coast, be sure to opt for one of the freestanding villas. Almost entirely glass wrapped to bring in all that majestic scenery, they're also discreet. Enjoy soaks in a tub, where the world seems to drop away before you, and giddy alfresco showers. You can hole up here for a romantic escape for days.

Sleeps 2, [thegorge.co.za](http://thegorge.co.za) >



# 101

## Shaka Lodge, ZuluWaters Game Reserve

The perfect rural retreat for lovers of contemporary architecture, this Richard Stretton-designed house is set in ZuluWaters Game Reserve in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands. It boasts its own private garden and decks for spotting any animals that happen to wander by – and they do. At sunset, admire the glorious sight of the Drakensberg ablaze in light. Sleeps 6, [zuluwatersgamereserve.com](http://zuluwatersgamereserve.com) □







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A wide range of treatments is available at the day spa, where guests can enjoy the benefits of pure organic essential oils produced





at the lodge. Those who can drag themselves away can embark on a hike through the indigenous coastal forest with its rich plant, animal and birdlife.

Other activities include daily educational game drives, mountain biking, horse riding on the reserve or beach and, for the more adventurous, a slide across the magnificent gorge on Africa's highest, longest and fastest zip line, all in a serene and timeless setting.

**The Gorge Private Game Lodge & Spa, 039-687-4000 or 082-566-1045, [thegorge.co.za](http://thegorge.co.za)**

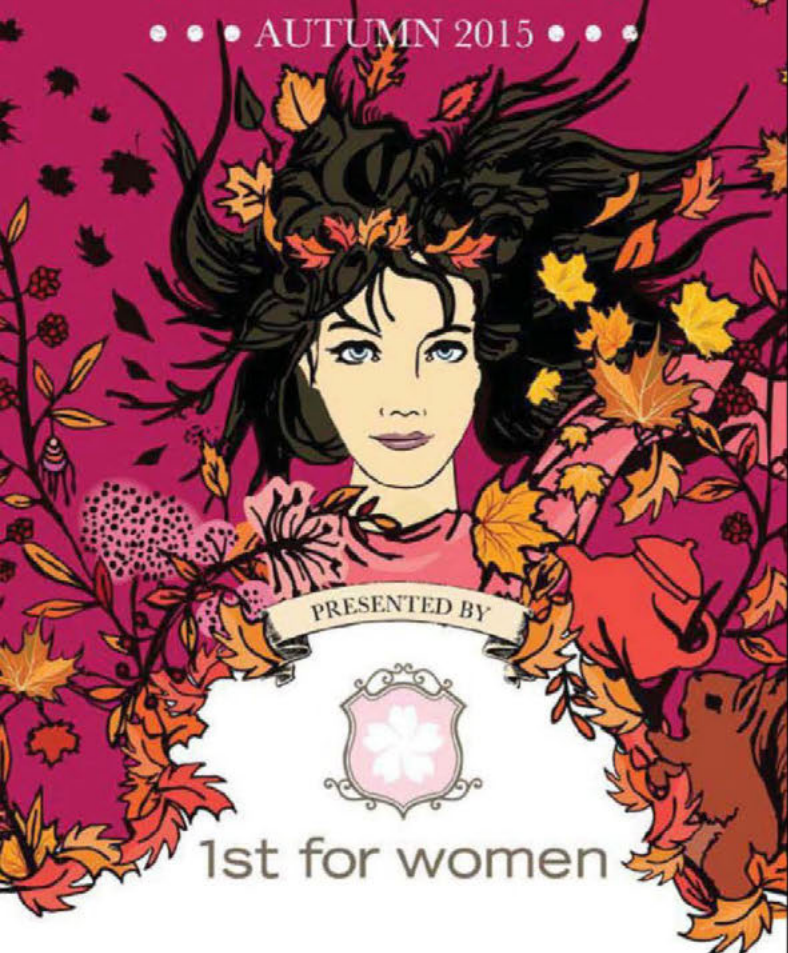




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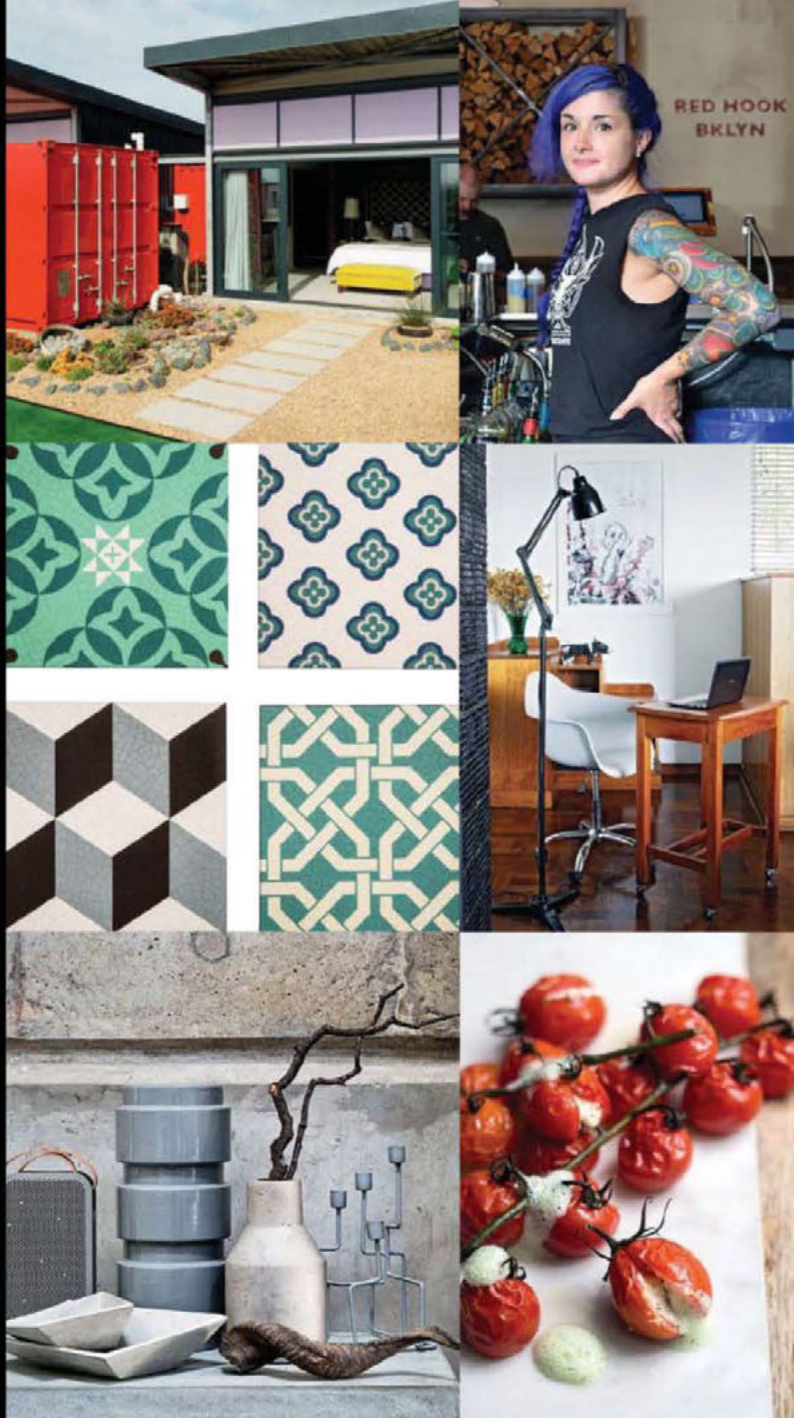
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## the june issue

We're stepping indoors with a comprehensive look at floors and walls – all the textures, materials and trendy designs you'll need for a new look. Plus, incorporate concrete into your decor and cook up a storm for winter.

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# LEISURE

## this tiger burns bright

A hot new eatery is upping the food ante in Muizenberg's surfing corner

TEXT LISA VAN ASWEGEN STYLING GEMMA BEDFORTH  
PHOTOGRAPHS TOBY MURPHY







A vast wooden communal dining table is framed by pops of colour, an open kitchen and a chandelier made from cut-glass decanters. **BELOW** 'Dude food' at its best, served on a wooden board; the range of craft beers on tap is a real drawcard. **PREVIOUS PAGE** The rugged, masculine space is dominated by a wall of picture windows that overlook False Bay.



A gilded bull's head greets patrons entering Tiger's Milk Restaurant & Bar, newly opened in Muizenberg by the talented crew behind La Parada and Harbour House restaurants. A wide staircase leading to the first floor is wallpapered with retro posters – already an eclectic mix, heralding what awaits upstairs.

The massive warehouse space has been used cleverly – an open ceiling is interspersed with lowered ceilings using wood and mirrors that subtly mark different spaces: grab a low seat at the counter and look out through the wall of windows boasting a view over the bay and surfers below; perch at a high table on a bar stool; dig in at vast communal tables underneath a quirky lighting centrepiece made from antique decanters; or chill on the couches at the back.

The open kitchen provides interest too, with a massive pizza oven and tile-clad counters adding a Mediterranean feel. Wooden chairs and tables, blackboard menus, and touches of charcoal paint give the restaurant a distinctly masculine ambience – not to mention the motorbike mounted on the wall – but splashes of yellow paint and pot plants add a light touch.

Tiger's Milk takes pride in serving 'dude food' and, as could be seen by its popularity on a Sunday at lunchtime, it ticks the boxes for dudes and gals alike. The menu is straightforward, with simply prepared fare that is utterly fresh. There's a pizza and a salad of the day or choose a succulent chicken or beef burger, great tapas-style starters to share and linefish and peri-peri chicken. Order a plate of fried calamari to nibble on while you make up your mind – it's dusted in the mildest curry coating, meltingly tender and served with seriously garlicky aioli. Many of the starters can be ordered as mains, one of which, the barbecued pork ribs, is particularly delicious, glazed with a sticky, ginger-infused Asian marinade.

However, it's the grills that steal the show here. A variety of cuts is served to your liking, from rump to T-bone, sirloin to rib eye. The prime rib was perfectly cooked to medium and the peppercorn sauce was creamy and deliciously moreish. Plating is straightforward – most of the dishes are served on wooden boards, which creates a rustic look and amplifies the sharing vibe.

There's a small but decently priced wine list available but Tiger's Milk's main drawcard is the variety of quality craft beer on tap – just the thing to bring out your inner 'dude'. **📍 Tiger's Milk Restaurant & Bar, corner of Beach and Sidmouth Roads, Muizenberg, Cape Town, 021-788-1869, tigersmilk.co.za**





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## going dutch

A band of music, food and fashion-loving 'brothers' has created the kind of place A-listers would hang out in

TEXT GLYNIS HORNING PHOTOGRAPHS MARK LANNING



The Dutch is more than just the latest arrival in Durban's burgeoning designer eatery scene – it's a musical, dining and unique stylistic experience destined to lead the way for South African venues for some time to come,' says MD Renzo Scribante. You'd only have to take a look at the Umhlanga Village venue, part of the Remo's group stable, to agree.

From the moment you happen upon the discreet signage on the pavement you'll feel as if you are stepping right into a New York bar during Prohibition – in fact, the space is inspired by the popular Big Apple bar, restaurant and oyster room of the same name. Conceived by a collaborative team within Remo's, mainly creative head Gary Halfpenny, and group executives Clifford Barratt and Chris Wright, as well as Renzo himself, the stylish bar's arrival on the night scene is perfectly timed for the influx of tourists.

*The New York Times* critic Sam Sifton dubbed its American counterpart 'A-list in the extreme'. This Dutch is, too. Plush with an edge of decadence, it blends 1920s and 1930s design elements with a 1960s rock sensibility in the portraits on its raw-brick and white subway-tiled walls: Jimi, Janis, Aretha, plus some indies and local luminaries.

Every piece has been 'considered, tweaked and massaged into place', as Halfpenny puts it – from the deep-buttoned Chesterfield sofas and matching marble-topped bar to the retro copper piping and fittings, parquet and mosaic-tiled floors and ball lights. The pressed ceiling panels are 110 years old, carefully hammered back into shape and re-fitted.

The same thought has gone into staff members and their training. In waistcoats, braces and Converse sneakers they are as dapper as they're deft when whipping up cocktails or whisking in nibbles – oysters three ways with house prosecco – or more serious mains. These range from freshly prepared sashimi to tataki (flash-seared salmon steeped in ponzu sauce with Mandarin carrot slaw and wasabi mayo) and 'little Sicilians' – Gorgonzola-stuffed butternut risotto balls with basil-pesto mayo, crispy pancetta and balsamic reduction.

Food shares top billing with music. DJs Gary Church and Eric the Frenchman give way to live sounds Wednesday to Sunday, featuring resident rockers Rob and Garth Warren of The Black Lapels and guests such as Arno Carstens and maverick bluesmen Dan Patlansky and Albert Frost.

The 'message' is about bringing beautiful music to the table, says Tamarin Visser, the 'madame' of the house – and so it does. ▢

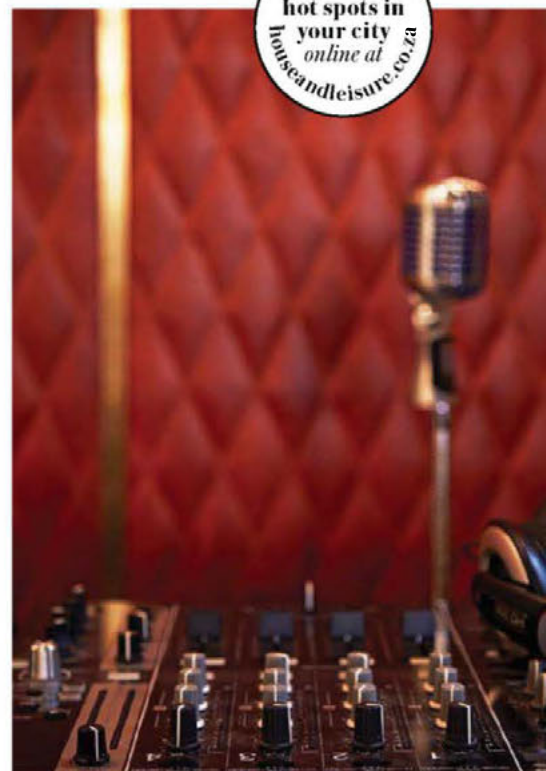
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## IT BLENDS 1920S AND 1930S DESIGN ELEMENTS WITH A 1960S ROCK SENSIBILITY



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP A deep veranda with pressed ceilings, mosaic-tile floors and an Indian doorway opens into the lounge; quilted finishes at the mixing desk and mike; tataki by the spoonful. OPPOSITE Classic design and rock elements blend at the bar.





# hl veuve clicquot dine around

*House and Leisure* once again partnered with luxury champagne brand Veuve Clicquot to celebrate local and international design

'There are hundreds of ideas all around us.' This statement, made by UK based designer and inventor Dominic Wilcox at this year's Design Indaba was a main message at the event. Yet almost 200 years ago there were pioneers, such as Dominic, who emphasised the search for ingenuity in obvious places. Even champagne needs to be designed and Madame Clicquot, in 1816, used the materials that surrounded her to create her eponymous fizz: the Veuve Clicquot matron introduced the world to 'riddling', the technique of removing sediment from the wine by drilling holes into her kitchen table.

It's this dedication to craft and innovation that makes the illustrious champagne house a natural complement for *House and Leisure*, a magazine that celebrates trends and trailblazing talent. So, for the fourth year, Editor Naomi Larkin and Veuve Clicquot hosted an intimate dinner of local creatives and speakers from the Design Indaba Conference to swap notes on the most exciting era in the industry.

Guests – who included Sanlam Investments curator Stefan Hundt, jewellery icon Kirsten Goss, up-and-coming furniture maker Ebrahim Assur, Italian product designer Stefano Giovannoni and the playful doodler Dominic – sat together around a table, which had been beautifully set by stylist Henrique Wilding. The unforgettable dinner was held in a private dining room at Japanese fine dining restaurant Nobu in Cape Town.

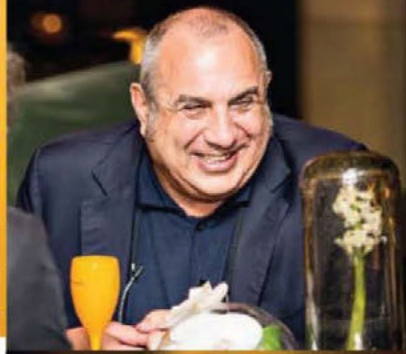
Veuve Clicquot's Yellow Label champagne flowed as freely as the conversation, interrupted only by the introduction of the expertly plated dishes by head chef Dil Tamang, including kingklip tempura and crispy pork belly.

Naomi toasted the group, thanking each of them for their contribution to the design landscape. She also raised a glass to Veuve Clicquot, whose commitment to supporting and encouraging rising stars is why it remains a world-class brand nearly two centuries later.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Guests were welcomed with a glass of Veuve Clicquot; Dominic Wilcox and The Street Store's Kayli Levitan; Lucy Kenny on behalf of Veuve Clicquot with dhk executive chairman Derick Henstra; Nobu's head chef Dil Tamang; on-trend terrariums were part of the table settings; Kirsten Goss hops on the Veuve Clicquot bike.





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Veuve Clicquot's Yellow Label champagne; conversation flowed in the private dining area of Nobu; Henrique Wilding styled the table; delicious shrimp in filo pastry; designer Ebrahim Assur with *HL*'s Editor Naomi Larkin; Deputy Editor Jessica Ross with creative brand consultant Anthea Poulos; Italian designer and Design Indaba speaker Stefano Giovannoni.



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# raising the roof

Newly renovated with a more edited stall selection, Joburg's Rosebank Sunday Market has stepped it up a gear

TEXT **LISA JOHNSTON** STYLING **HEATHER BOTING** PHOTOGRAPHS **SIMONE DAVEL**

**WHAT?** The recent revamp that has seen Rosebank Mall in Johannesburg transform from a convenient shopping complex into a sophisticated, light-filled retail Mecca has extended all the way to its rooftop. On any given Sunday, between 9am and 4pm, the upper-level parking lot strums to a new, more gentle vibe than before with plenty of space to move between the food, crafts and souvenir vendors.

**WHO?** The market is a family-friendly place with an array of goods for all ages. Parents can take their time browsing through bric-a-brac, books, antiques or clothing sans the bleating of 'I'm bored' or 'Can we go home now?' by dropping the kids off for play and entertainment at the kids' zone.

**WHAT TO EXPECT?** Long-term fans of the market will still find a number of the stalwart craft vendors in place but many of the cheap-and-nasty-plastic-goods type stalls appear to have been weeded out and the offering on the whole is of far better quality than in the past. The food area now offers comfortable seating where family and friends can gather for a meal while listening to live music.

**DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT...** Given the variety on offer it's unlikely anyone

will be leaving without an armful of purchases. The spice stall is a firm favourite where you can pick up some cooking tips along with your aniseed, breyani mix or turmeric. Incandean Crafts, the Panama hat store, also turns a good trade and if you want to add a cute pair of pumps or an authentically South African laptop bag to your purchases stop past Shwe.co.za, which sells a range of products made from upcycled billboards and shweshwe fabric.

**THE X FACTOR** The new layout of the Rosebank Sunday Market is far more considered and easy to move through, which makes browsing a pleasant experience rather than a rugby tackle through a thick crowd. It's still a great place to take overseas visitors who might want to pick up some African souvenirs, masks or beading and there're always a number of buskers about for added entertainment. There are also various arts and special events scheduled throughout the year. ☐

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# foodie news

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### WHAT'S COOKING?

Find freshly baked bread, cakes, croissants, Danishes and other delectable pastries at the newly opened Industry bakery and café in Emmarentia. It's quickly becoming a neighbourhood favourite with its edgy industrial interior and delicious offerings. 143 Barry Hertzog Ave, Emmarentia, Johannesburg, 011-486-0830, [industrybakery.co.za](http://industrybakery.co.za)



### TJOK FULL OF FRUIT

Local chocolatiers Winston & Julia's TjokFruit mini bites offer a healthier snacking alternative with dried-fruit combos such as Apricot & Peach and Fig & Date dipped in tasty, antioxidant-rich 60 per cent dark chocolate.

[winstonandjulia.co.za](http://winstonandjulia.co.za)



**A compilation of 100 South Africans' authentic home recipes beautifully photographed in full colour, *Leisure Books Best Recipes*, compiled by Christelle Erasmus, is an excellent accompaniment for the starter chef. R295 from major bookstores.**







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# raymond kokota

With a weakness for wine and a love of fine dining, this ambitious Jozi chef's star is rising

TEXT MILA CREWE-BROWN STYLING HEATHER BOTING PHOTOGRAPHS GRAEME WYLLIE

Raymond Kokota's food journey began back in 2000 when, as a young matriculant, he was tasked with raising his own money towards a school trip. It was at that moment, working as a sculler at Wickers Riverside Estate in Magaliesburg, that his determination was observed and he was given a job that armed him with the basics. 'I've never looked back,' he says. Ray has since cooked at the Mount Grace Country House & Spa, has worked with Terroir's Michael Broughton as well as Trevor Boyd and has for the last seven years been mentored by award winning chef Philippe Wagenfuhrer, first at Roots at Forum Homini and now at Eat in Northcliff.

'Once you've been exposed to this level of food you fall in love. Despite the food I was brought up eating, when I get home it's steak and a good glass of wine,' he says, but, unsurprisingly, back at work he's currently working on a six-course concept dinner that'll pair each dish with a different chardonnay. **Eat, 011-476-3749**

IF YOU WERE A DRINK WHAT WOULD IT BE? 'CHARDONNAY - IT'S BODIED, BUT BALANCED, AND IT'S ELEGANT.'

**What tastes remind you of childhood?** Mutton curry, cooked by my mum in her kitchen in Magaliesburg. **What's always in your pantry?** Spices and pasta. **If you were a drink what would it be?** Chardonnay - it's bodied, but balanced, and it's elegant. **What and where was your most memorable meal?** Grenadine marinated springbok loin, butternut and potato dauphinoise, smoked beetroot purée, honey-glazed baby carrots, and spiced raspberry jus. It was a birthday meal with dinner, bed and breakfast at Roots. **Current favourite restaurant?** Noma in Denmark. **If you could take only five food items with you to a desert island, what would they be and why?** Water and wine for thirst, meat for protein, bread for carbs, and cheese. **What would be on the menu for your last meal?** A starter of beetroot terrine, semi-dried figs, beetroot shoots, home-made beetroot

ice cream and smoked bacon soil, for mains a slow-braised lamb shoulder, orange and ginger mash, bok choy and star anise jus. For dessert Amarula crème brûlée, with rose-scented vanilla soil, bacon and egg ice cream, coconut gel, and toffee macaroons. **What's on your kitchen wish list?** A sous-vide machine. **Your most used recipe book?** *Terroir The Cookbook* [by Michael Broughton, Struik Lifestyle]. My favourite recipe is the beetroot terrine. **Favourite sandwich filling?** Rare roast beef, mustard, lettuce, tomato, olive oil, Maldon salt and cracked black pepper. **Your ultimate breakfast is...** French toast, slightly fried pastrami, poached eggs and truffle hollandaise. **I won't eat...** shellfish. **What's the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?** Rabbit. It was the first time I ever worked with it and I had to debone it while those big eyes were staring at me and the front teeth were taken out! It was going into a terrine I had to taste. **What wine are you enjoying right now?** Weltevrede

Vanilla Chardonnay - it's balanced with vanilla and gooseberry flavours. **Who are your foodie icons?** Philippe Wagenfuhrer, Michael Broughton and Richard Carstens. **What's your signature dish?** Every dish I cook is my signature dish. **Food aroma you love?** Rosemary, garlic and star anise. **Absolute food weakness?** Desserts. **What's your entertaining style?** Being myself and going with the flow. **Your soundtrack to the perfect dinner party?** *Age of Miracles* by Dionne Warwick. **What did you want to be when you were little?** A doctor. **Advice for aspiring chefs?** Love what you do, respect the ingredients, take care of your equipment, be passionate and, most importantly, respect your chef's jacket - for you have earned it. ☐

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## picnic fun

Gauteng readers enjoyed being outdoors at *House and Leisure Alfresco*, a gourmet picnic event

Revellers made the most of the hot Highveld weather and turned up to *House and Leisure Alfresco* for a day of delectable gourmet delights, artisanal feasts and fantastic live entertainment from some of South Africa's finest up-and-coming musicians.

The event was held at The Big Red Barn, a stunning salvaged-and-rebuilt antique hay barn located next to a shady eucalyptus plantation overlooking fields and grasslands. Shoppers had a range of quality goods to pick and choose from, including Moerkoffi's fun range of bags, cushions and ceramics and Galago's stylish African pumps and sandals.

Thirsts were well quenched by Grolsch and Durbanville Hills and Las Paletas kept everyone cool throughout the day with home-made lollies in delicious flavours.

Visit [houseandleisure.co.za](http://houseandleisure.co.za) for more on HL events. Special thanks go to The Big Red Barn ([thebigredbarn.co.za](http://thebigredbarn.co.za)), Durbanville Hills ([durbanvillehills.co.za](http://durbanvillehills.co.za)), Grolsch ([canvas.grolsch.com/za](http://canvas.grolsch.com/za)) and Club Med ([clubmed.co.za](http://clubmed.co.za)).

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HL'S GOURMET PICNIC EVENT

ABOVE, FROM LEFT The Motherland; Grolsch was on hand to quench thirsts; Monark. BELOW, FROM TOP Picnics on the lawn at The Big Red Barn; Chad Saaiman; Tiziana Giacinti and Angelique van Wyk enjoy the sights and sounds; Mathew Gold and Kamini Pather; MC Stevie French entertained the crowds; wine courtesy of Durbanville Hills.

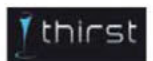


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## LEISURE THIRST QUENCHER

### TAKE THE PLUNGE

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### SUPA-DUPA!

Wholefoods devotee Greg Hean's raw organic almond SupaMylk (R35 for 375ml) is healthy and delicious and is available in eight fun flavours. Catch him on Sundays at The Morning Trade market, Rivertown, Durban. [snfoodco@gmail.com](mailto:snfoodco@gmail.com)



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# what to drink

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### DREAM BIG

Durban's promenade has become the city's hottest spot for sundowners. The elegant upstairs bar at California Dreaming boasts sleek all-white furnishings that don't detract from the sea views or the drinks. Choose from great wines or cocktails on the 'Platinum Menu'. **California Dreaming, 150 OR Tambo Parade, Durban, 031-332-0037, [californiadreaming.co.za](http://californiadreaming.co.za)**



### teas in a pod

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NATURE RULES

There's no better time of year to throw in a spot of rambling with your wine tasting, and these two farms have it covered:

Bouchard Finlayson in the Hemel en Aarde Valley offers guided nature walks along three different fynbos trails (Mon-Sat, R235pp), followed by wine and Med-style platters. [info@bouchardfinlayson.co.za](mailto:info@bouchardfinlayson.co.za), 028-312-3515.

The 6.5km mountain hike at Jason's Hill Private Cellar in the Slanghoek Valley (Mon-Sat, R25pp) takes in glorious scenery and can be concluded with a sampling of winemaker Ivy Du Toit's superb wines and a bite at the restaurant. [info@jasonshill.co.za](mailto:info@jasonshill.co.za), 023-344-3256.

# wine

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## STYLISH SIPPER

Whip out the Riedel stemware for Babylonstoren's new Bordeaux blend, Nebukadnesar 2012 (R270). Joining the excellent Chardonnay in the estate's flagship range, this robust Cabernet Sauvignon- and Cabernet Franc-driven red is best served with an equally posh and hearty meal. [babylonstoren.com](http://babylonstoren.com)

## TAKE 3 CHARDONNAYS

■ **FRAM CHARDONNAY 2013 (R65-R75)** WITH THE TURNING OF THE SEASON COMES A CRAVING FOR FULLER BODIED WHITES, AND THIS HITS THE SPOT. A DASH OF CHENIN ADDS OOMPH TO THE CHARDONNAY, SOURCED FROM THE LIME-RICH SOILS OF ROBERTSON. WHITE STONE FRUIT MEETS CRISP CITRUS IN THIS QUALITY DROP THAT'S DELICIOUS WITH LEMON-PRAWN RISOTTO.

■ **PEACOCK WILD FERMENT CHARDONNAY 2014 (R65)** THIS ELEGANT QUAFFER FROM SUSTAINABLY FARMED WATERKLOOF WAS PRODUCED WITH MINIMAL INTERVENTION AND USING WILD YEASTS DURING FERMENTATION. BALANCING CREAMINESS WITH MINERAL AND CITRUSY HINTS, IT'S HEAVEN WITH PIZZA TOPPED WITH GOAT'S CHEESE AND FRESH FIGS.

■ **LE BONHEUR ESTATE CHARDONNAY 2014 (R75)** THE HISTORICAL STELLENBOSCH ESTATE'S NEW WINEMAKER LAUREN BEHRENS HAS DELIVERED A PURE CLASSIC, WITH BUTTERY, SUBTLY WOODED RICHNESS OFFSET BY ZINGY TOUCHES OF LEMON AND LIME. PASTA WITH SALMON AND CREAM WILL DO JUST FINE.



## LOVE THIS... LABEL

Illustrators Gerhard Human and Jade Klara lent their artistic hand to the labels of the house wines of Cape Town bar The House of Machines – the Lightning white and Thunderbolt red. They certainly jolt your full attention to the wines, crafted as a side project by ace winemaker Adam Mason of Mulderbosch. [thehouseofmachines.com](http://thehouseofmachines.com)





# escape to paradise

Snuggle up for a winter safari – it's the perfect time to spot the Big Five at Sabi Sabi

As the southern hemisphere descends into winter, why not travel to the gloriously tropical climate of the lowveld where the days are temperate, the wildlife is abundant and the luxury of Sabi Sabi surpasses all winter blues? Whether you choose the charm and romance at Selati Camp, the warm vibrancy and family environment of Bush Lodge, the quiet cosiness of Little Bush Camp or the avant-garde luxury of Earth Lodge your Sabi Sabi safari will be a one-of-a-kind experience.

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During the mild, dry winters vegetation is sparse and the terrain is ideal for magnificent wildlife sightings. The arid conditions force many animals to seek out water at open water holes, increasing the chances of close encounters with the famed Big Five, as well as cheetah, wild dog and hundreds of other animal and bird species that call the private reserve their home.

Winter means returning to roaring log fires in the evenings, red wine to ward off the chill, and beautifully decorated and heated suites. Meals are a masterful blend of hearty fare and haute cuisine – fine dining in a beautiful setting, served with award-winning hospitality and genuine warmth.

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## three ways with **figs**

Marcelle Roberts, owner and chef at Durban's Unity craft beer bar and brasserie, and Cafe 1999, devised three recipes using this sweet autumn fruit

RECIPES AND STYLING **MARCELLE ROBERTS**  
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### MIDDLE EASTERN ROAST LEG OF LAMB WITH FIGS AND POMEGRANATE SYRUP

2 garlic cloves, chopped  
2t ground coriander  
2t ground garam masala  
1T dried rosemary  
4T olive oil  
1 lemon, quartered, pips removed  
1 leg of lamb, trimmed  
2 red onions, cut into wedges  
250ml pomegranate concentrate  
2T clear honey  
6 black figs, sliced into three lengthways, plus extra figs for serving  
1 cup natural yoghurt  
100g tub pomegranate seeds, or seeds from 1 fresh pomegranate  
a small handful of mint leaves, chopped  
Blend the garlic, spices, rosemary, oil and lemon, then rub the mixture onto the lamb. Cover and marinate overnight in a roasting pan.

Add the red onion wedges to the pan, cover the lamb with foil, and slow roast at 160°C for four hours.

Remove the foil and pour the pomegranate concentrate over the lamb. Turn up the heat to 200°C and roast for a further 30 minutes, then pour all the juices from the pan into a pot, add the honey, and reduce the liquid over a high heat until it is syrupy. Set it aside.

Cut slits into the lamb and stuff the fig slices into the slits. Roast the lamb, uncovered, at 200°C for a further 30 minutes until the fig pieces have softened.

Combine the yoghurt, most of the pomegranate seeds and the mint in a bowl. Slice the extra figs in half and grill them quickly under a hot grill.

Scatter the remaining pomegranate seeds on top of the lamb and serve with the reduced pan juices, yoghurt and grilled figs.

**SERVES 6**

### FIG AND PISTACHIO TART

1 vanilla pod, seeds scraped and set aside  
200ml mascarpone cheese  
2 cups shelled pistachios  
2 eggs  
2 egg whites  
4t unsalted butter, melted and cooled  
3t orange zest  
2t Frangelico liqueur  
4t cake flour  
1 cup castor sugar  
8 fresh Mediterranean figs  
12 Bordeaux figs

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C. Mix the vanilla seeds into the mascarpone and refrigerate until it's needed.

Blanch the pistachios in hot water to soften the skins and then peel them. Blitz them in a food processor with the vanilla pod. Add the eggs and egg whites, melted butter, orange zest and Frangelico and blitz until combined. Add the flour and sugar and blitz once again until combined. Slice the Mediterranean figs and add them to the pistachio mixture. Pour the mixture into a greased tart tin or individual tart tins. Push the whole Bordeaux figs into the mixture and bake for 30 to 40 minutes until the tart is golden brown.

Serve the tart with the mascarpone.

**SERVES 8-10**

### OUMA'S FIG JAM

750g white sugar  
1kg ripe figs, peeled  
¾ cup water  
1 thin slice of ginger, bruised  
1 rosemary sprig  
30ml lemon juice

Boil the sugar, figs and water in a heavy based pot until the sugar has dissolved. Add the ginger, rosemary and lemon juice and simmer for one hour. While the liquid is still warm pour it into sterilised jars, seal and store in a dark cupboard for up to three months. Refrigerate once opened.

**MAKES 800ML**

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Middle Eastern roast leg of lamb with figs and pomegranate syrup (recipe on page 119)





Ouma's fig jam  
(recipe on page 119)





# *bounty from the sea*

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Flame-grilled oysters with parsley-  
and-garlic butter (recipe on page 125)



Smoked salmon with  
sour fennel cucumbers





## FLAME-GRILLED OYSTERS WITH PARSLEY-AND-GARLIC BUTTER

250g softened butter  
3 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed  
½ cup chopped flat leaf parsley  
freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
24 fresh oysters

Mix the butter, garlic, parsley and pepper in a medium sized bowl until well blended.

Place a teaspoon of the butter on top of each opened oyster and arrange the oysters on a braai grid. Place the grid directly onto the open flames of a fire, allowing the flames to encase the oysters. The oysters will be cooked in a melted aromatic butter sauce in under a minute. Remove them from the fire carefully as the shells will be very hot. Alternatively, the oysters can be cooked under a grill. **SERVES 6**

## SMOKED SALMON WITH SOUR FENNEL CUCUMBERS

*for the sour fennel cucumbers*

1kg Lebanese cucumbers, cut into 3cm wedges  
4t salt  
4 garlic cloves, peeled  
2 bay leaves  
6 fennel fronds  
2t fennel seeds  
1t black mustard seeds  
1t yellow mustard seeds  
1t black peppercorns  
500ml apple cider vinegar  
500ml malt vinegar  
¼ cup sugar

*for the salmon*

wood chips for smoking (hardwood sawdust can alternatively be used)  
600g salmon fillet, skin on  
sourdough bread, to serve  
squeeze of lime juice, to serve

Place the cucumber wedges in a glass bowl and sprinkle salt on top. Mix it through and leave it to stand for 30 minutes. Rinse the wedges and pack them into sterilised glass jars with the garlic, bay leaves, fennel fronds and spices. Bring the vinegars and sugar to a boil in a non-corrosive pan until the sugar has dissolved. Let the liquid cool completely. Pour it into the jars, covering the cucumbers. Seal the jars and refrigerate for a week.

To prepare the salmon, soak the wood chips, then place them in the bottom of a large pot. (Alternatively, use a wok, covered braai or smoking box.) Place the salmon on

a rack over the chips, not directly on them. Place the pot over a low heat and cover with a tight fitting lid. Smoke the salmon for 15 to 20 minutes until it is cooked through. (The time depends on the thickness.) Remove the salmon and use a fork to flake it from the skin into bite-size chunks. Serve it on slices of sourdough bread with the cucumbers and a squeeze of lime juice. **SERVES 6**

## SQUID-INK TAGLIATELLE WITH CUTTLEFISH, LEMON AND CAPER BERRIES

salt  
500g squid-ink tagliatelle  
3t olive oil, plus extra for drizzling  
1t butter  
3 garlic cloves, sliced  
6-8 small cuttlefish, cleaned and cut into small pieces  
18 caper berries  
1t capers  
60ml white wine  
1 handful fresh parsley leaves  
1 fresh rosemary stalk, chopped  
pepper, to taste  
2 lemons

Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil, add the pasta and cook for six to seven minutes. Meanwhile, heat the oil and butter in a pan on a low heat and gently fry the garlic for a minute. Increase the temperature slightly and add the cuttlefish, caper berries, capers and white wine. Cook for three to five minutes until the cuttlefish has cooked through but is still tender. Add the herbs.

Drain the pasta and mix in the cuttlefish as well as salt and pepper to taste. Serve with generous squeezes of lemon juice and a drizzle of olive oil if desired. **SERVES 6**

## PAN-ROASTED FISH STUFFED WITH WILD MUSHROOMS AND TARRAGON

1.5kg whole kabeljou, barramundi or other mild-tasting linefish, cleaned  
300g mixed mushrooms, including pine, shiitake, morel, Swiss brown and chestnut  
50g butter  
4t olive oil  
1 garlic clove, crushed  
3 small shallots, finely sliced  
zest of ½ a lemon  
1½t fresh tarragon leaves  
salt and pepper, to taste

Rinse the fish, pat it dry with paper towels, and set aside.

To make the stuffing, brush off any dirt on the mushrooms and chop them roughly. Fry the butter and 3t oil over a medium heat, then add the garlic and shallots and sauté lightly. Add the mushrooms and sauté for a further three to four minutes. Add the lemon zest, tarragon and seasoning, and continue to cook for a further two to three minutes.

Remove the mushroom mixture from the heat to cool, then stuff it into the fish and secure it with cooking twine that has been soaked in water. Heat a large frying pan with 1t of oil and, when hot, place the fish in the pan. Cook it for six to eight minutes, then turn it over and cook for another six to eight minutes, or until done. **SERVES 4-6**

## DRUNKEN HONEYED FIGS WITH ROSE GERANIUM-SCENTED LABNEH

*for the rose geranium-scented labneh*

500ml Greek yoghurt  
2 rose geranium leaves, washed  
*for the figs*  
24 figs

½ cup wildflower honey  
500ml Vin Santo  
chopped pistachio nuts and honeycomb, to garnish

For the labneh, place the yoghurt and leaves into a large clean square muslin cloth. Tie the corners of the cloth together and slide a chopstick through the knot like a knapsack. Suspend the bag over a wide-mouthed jar or deep bowl to allow the yoghurt to drain. Refrigerate for 24 to 36 hours to allow it to reach a creamy thickness (the longer it is left to drain, the thicker it will become).

Place the figs in a large pot with the honey and Vin Santo. Gently poach them over a medium heat for eight minutes, then remove them and set aside. Reduce the liquid over a high heat to a syrupy consistency. Serve the poached figs with a dollop of rose geranium-scented labneh, a drizzle of syrup, chopped pistachios and a wedge of honeycomb. **SERVES 6** 🏠

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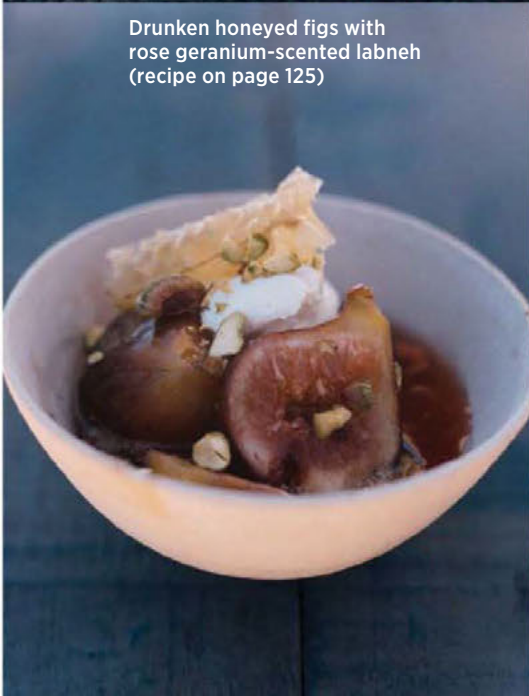
Drunken honeyed figs being poached  
on an open flame (recipe on page 125)







Squid-ink tagliatelle with cuttlefish, lemon and caper berries.  
BOTTOM RIGHT Pan-roasted fish stuffed with wild mushrooms and tarragon (recipes on page 125)



Drunken honeyed figs with rose geranium-scented labneh (recipe on page 125)

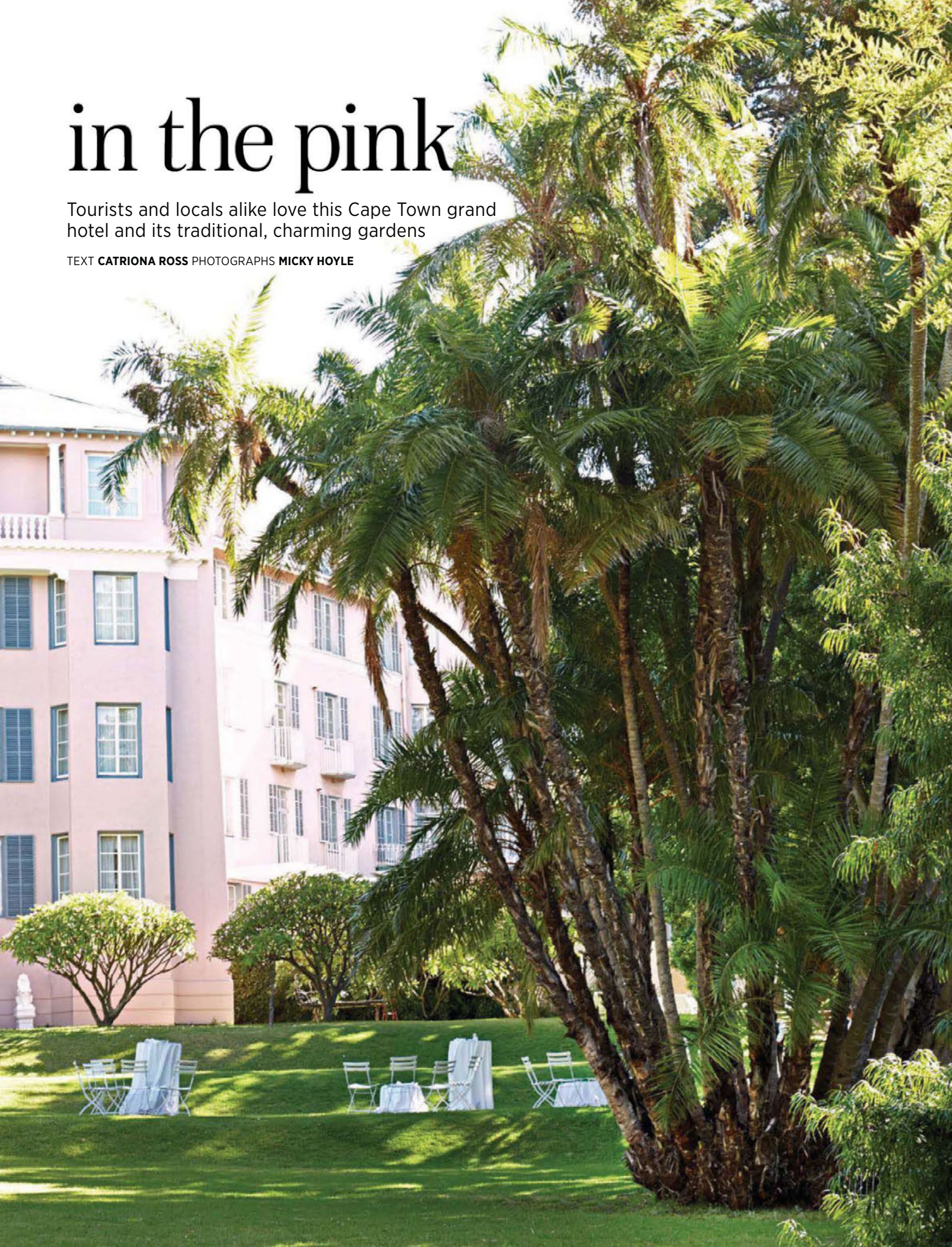




# in the pink

Tourists and locals alike love this Cape Town grand hotel and its traditional, charming gardens

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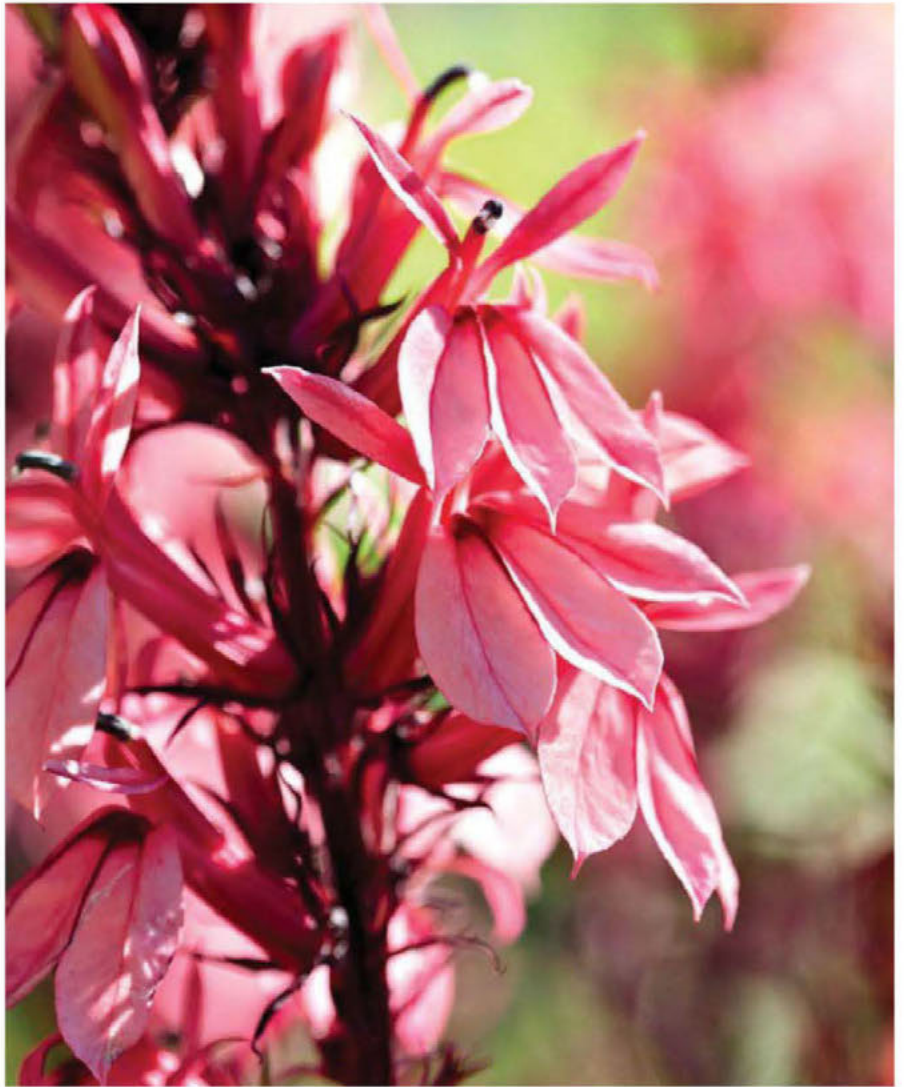
*Celosia spicata* 'flamingo feather' makes a long-lasting cut flower at the Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel in Cape Town. OPPOSITE Frangipani trees and a stand of 90-year-old palm trees set an old-world tone on the front lawn.







Fan lobelia, a good border plant prized for its height and long flowering period, is on trial in pots. OPPOSITE William Africa's exuberant border in the main swimming pool area is filled with huge dahlias, *Salvia leucantha*, silverleaf *Centaurea* and pink evening primrose (*Oenothera speciosa*) at the front.



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## N A CITY SPROUTING HIPSTER HOTELS LIKE NOUVEAU BEARDS, THOSE WHO BOOK INTO THE BELMOND MOUNT NELSON HOTEL COME FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

They're drawn, many from Europe in darkest winter, by the promise of sunbathing beside a pool while Lion's Head basks overhead, birds flit among pink hibiscus flowers, and the fragrance of frangipani wafts across the lawn. There's an air of comfortable tradition at the 'Nellie', which opened in 1899 and has hosted international heroes; indeed, from the moment you enter the driveway, lined with 90-year-old palm trees, you can't help sighing with relief that some things never change.

British-born Paul Rice, the hotel's head gardener for over 30 years, admits he's

led 'a charmed working life' gardening alongside six dedicated men including Taliep Davids, a Mount Nelson gardener for 28 years, and William Africa, 25 years. 'Each man has his section of garden that is his pride and joy,' explains Paul. 'The gardeners are free to express themselves, and they have a lot to give.'

Briefed to keep the surrounds looking fresh and colourful all year round, the team painstakingly repairs lawns after events, replants pots and beds for different looks in winter and summer, and tends the spectacular herbaceous borders: here, roses,

perennials and foliage are planted with dahlias, petunias, cosmos and other bright beauties – 'everything that will flower for the end of the year, when the garden has to reach a crescendo,' explains Paul.

The garden may be a settled, restful place buffered from the city, yet it's tweaked and rethought regularly. Garden advisor Dr Shirley Sherwood, the renowned botanical art collector, pays annual visits, walking the gardens with Paul and discussing ideas and plans. For the third year, the garden has also provided an outdoor exhibition space for works by local sculptors in conjunction with Everard Read Cape Town.

The garden's colour palette echoes the hotel's famous pink, grey and white paintwork: white Icebergs grow beside pink Duet roses, while *Senecio cineraria* ('dusty miller'), salvias and shastas provide a base of grey. Blues and dashes of red add 'oomph' to the tranquil pales, as seen in the ring of bright pink petunias surrounding the main terrace fountain. ▸

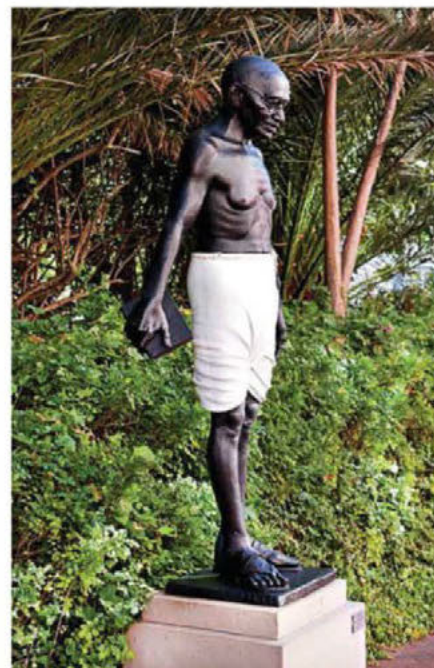




Historic buildings have been incorporated over the years, with appropriate plantings following. When Faure Street, one of Cape Town's first residential streets, was acquired the road was turned into lawn and 'yesterday, today and tomorrow' bushes planted liberally outside the Victorian terrace houses. Helmsley Place has been classically landscaped with dietes, *Syzygium paniculatum*, topiary balls, and dipladenias and green foliage in pots on the terrace.

At the Garden Cottage Suites, a row of restored historic cottages, each scented garden is enclosed by a picket fence and clipped *Syzygium* 'lollipop' hedge. Here gardener Andrew Stevens plants painterly tableaux of pink dahlias and cosmos, yellow-centred cream zinnias, cleomes and salvias, with touches of red and orange. Reminiscent of farm labourers' colourful gardens in dusty Cape villages, these are English-style rose gardens planted with perennials and filled in with annuals and seasonal colour. In private courtyards at the back troughs drip with red flowers and foliage and bougainvillea climbs the walls.

William Africa, a 'dahlia man', is responsible for the show-stopping border near the main swimming pool. His huge dahlias mingle with roses, pink and white petunias, *Verbena bonariensis* and light pink cannas. In William's patch, as in the garden as a whole, runs something perennial. 'It's love,' Paul says simply. 'Tending this garden is a discipline and very strenuous but, if you love the work, it's a joy.'  **Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel, 76 Orange Street, Cape Town, 021-483-1000, mountnelson.co.za**



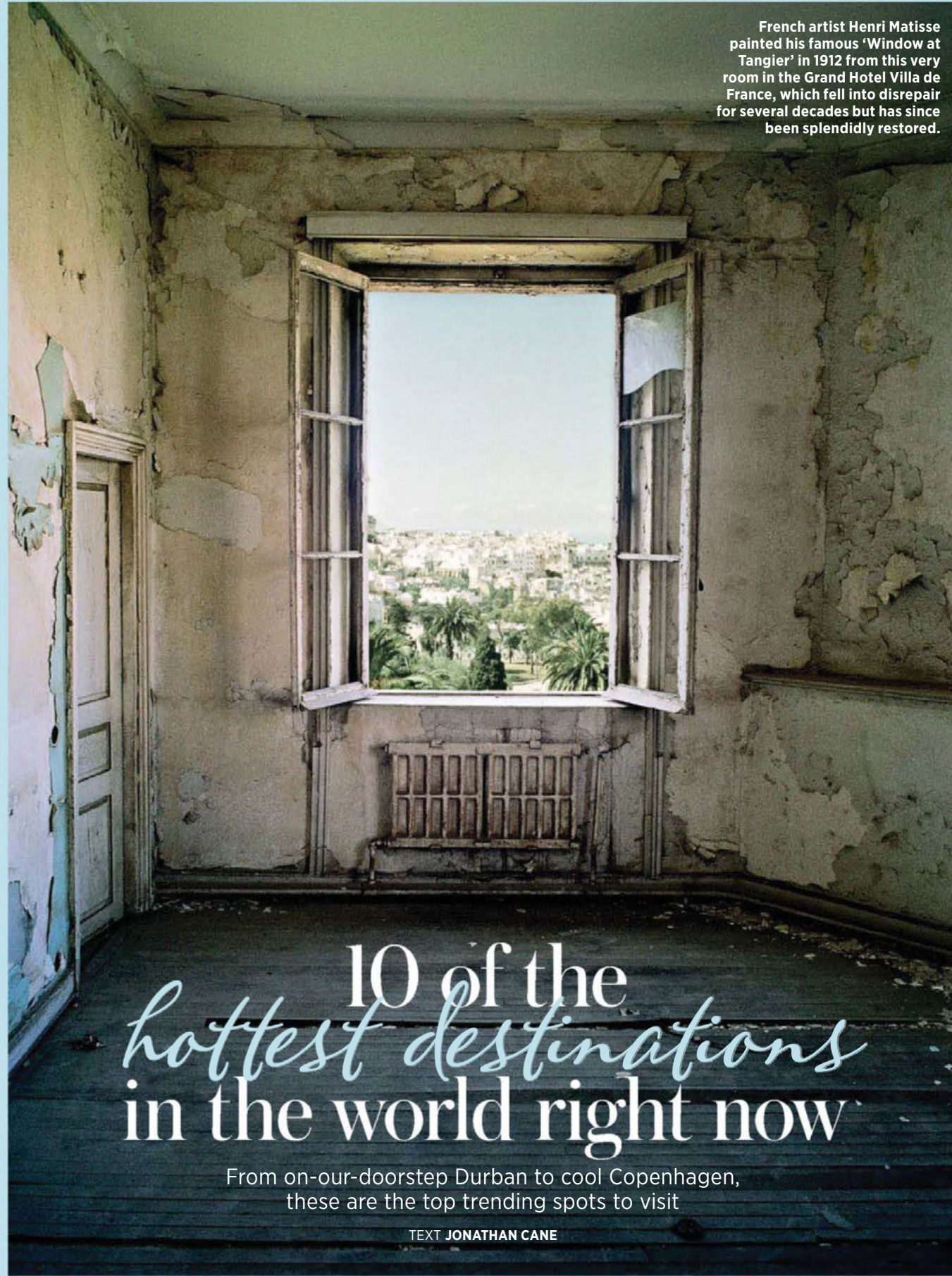


Surrounded by the lush greenery of old oaks, frangipani trees, hibiscus and ivy, the old stone fountain on the main terrace provides a tranquil focal point. OPPOSITE, FROM TOP A classical bench on the main terrace is softened with a background of Iceberg roses, pink petunias and silver-grey shrubs; pops of colour are provided by a mix of bright zinnias in pots; Anton Momberg's sculpture of Mahatma Gandhi at the hotel's entrance.





French artist Henri Matisse painted his famous 'Window at Tangier' in 1912 from this very room in the Grand Hotel Villa de France, which fell into disrepair for several decades but has since been splendidly restored.

A photograph of a room with peeling walls and a large open window looking out onto a cityscape. The room is in a state of disrepair, with the walls showing significant peeling and cracking. The window is open, revealing a view of a city with palm trees and buildings. The floor is dark and appears to be made of wood or stone. The overall atmosphere is one of historical significance and artistic inspiration.

# 10 of the *hottest destinations* in the world right now

From on-our-doorstep Durban to cool Copenhagen,  
these are the top trending spots to visit

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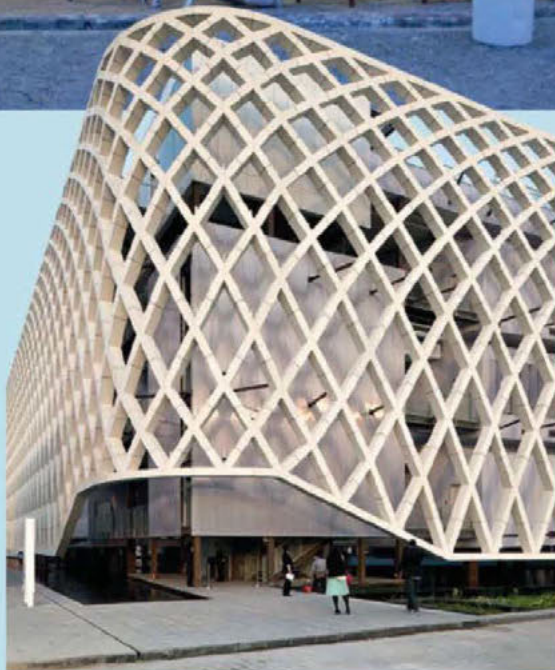




The Cinémathèque de Tanger in Tangier promotes film culture and world cinema in Morocco.

## 1. TANGIER, KINGDOM OF MOROCCO

Truman Capote wrote in 1950 that if you were someone escaping the police, or merely someone escaping, then you should go to Tangier. Hemmed in by the hills and confronted by the sea, as Capote put it, Tangier, on the edge of Africa, once hosted celebrities such as Allen Ginsberg, Jack Kerouac, Gore Vidal, Errol Flynn, Matisse, Degas, Yves Saint Laurent, Tennessee Williams and any number of heiresses, princesses, eccentrics, and weirdos. Once infamous for its seedy and sexy social life, contemporary Tangier, a touch more tame, still carries the patina of its dirty past like expensive perfume on the bedsheets the next morning. Recapture some of that glamour at the elegant El Minzah Hotel, opened in 1930 and owned by the fourth marquis of Bute, or the 19th-century ostensibly unrenovated Continental Hotel, or the cliff-hanging Hotel Nord Pinus. Read William S Burroughs' *Naked Lunch* or Paul Bowles' *The Sheltering Sky*, both written about Tangier, as you drink peppermint tea in the street cafés. Watch men walk arm in arm, visit an ornately decorated and steamy hammam, or catch a film at the recently renovated Cinémathèque de Tanger.



British artist Tracey Emin's plea to Shanghai 'You Should Have Loved Me' is in the lobby of The Waterhouse hotel there. ABOVE The netted facade of M21.

## 2. SHANGHAI, CHINA

Artnews claims that China is building around 100 museums a year. That's a lot of museums, a lot of art, a lot of curators. Shanghai is at the forefront of this cultural revolution, ambitiously positioning itself as China's global artistic centre. Three new contemporary art spaces are worth seeing: the audacious Yuz Museum, a 9 000m<sup>2</sup> converted aeroplane hangar, has been favourably received during its first year, showing work of impressive scale. M21 (21st Century Minsheng Art Museum) is a reinvention of the French Pavilion of the 2010 World Expo, enveloped in a dramatic netted facade. The Long Museum has wowed critics with its architectural boldness: concrete 'vaulted umbrellas' articulate a building that is at once ancient, industrial and whimsical. ▷





**CLOCKWISE FROM  
LEFT Freedom Cafe;  
Craft Trattoria; the Golden  
Mile; The Morning Trade market.**

### 3. DURBAN

Durban's getting more than a fresh coat of paint, it's getting a double take. Right near the top of the *New York Times* 52 Places to Go list for 2015, our 'third city' is the latest South African metropolis to capture global attention; sometimes it takes outsiders to give us fresh perspective on a city we thought we knew, to see it anew. BESETdurban is a bunch of passionate, architecture-loving guides who've curated walking tours designed to bring our attention to the underappreciated historic aspects of the urban environment such as the Point, Victoria Embankment, Florida Road and Essenhwood. The old-school glamour of Umhlanga's The Oyster Box hotel has been of late the place to lounge by the Indian Ocean. It was the rejuvenation of the Golden Mile promenade — intelligently reimagined to connect the beaches, encourage public use, promote healthy lifestyles and re-establish the dune ecosystem — that first drew our attention. Lately, it's Rivertown, one block behind the beachfront. The Rivertown Beerhall on Prince Alfred Street is buzzing, as is the 8 Morrison Street complex. Get your organic veggies and a flat white at The Morning Trade, the Sunday market, and check out the newly opened Rivertown Canal.

### 4. COSTA RICA

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**The luxurious El Silencio Lodge & Spa is in the lush highlands of Costa Rica's central volcanic range.**



## 5. COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

Noma is number one this year again. Reservations for the Copenhagen restaurant open on the sixth of every month, booking 90 days ahead, and Noma receives 20 000 requests for tables each reservation day. René Redzepi, the 37-year-old Danish head chef, is world famous for cooking food that reflects local context, seasons and geography. You may not practically get a table but you can buy the book set *René Redzepi: A Work In Progress* and eat at the underrated but brilliant Nordic restaurants Geranium, Relae, Meyers Bageri and Radio. If you're still down about your lack of a Noma booking, you'll find Scandinavia's best shopping will cheer you up: for unique modern menswear visit Wardrobe 19, for curated interiors go to HAY (especially buy an All the Way to Paris quilt). Buy a not-available-anywhere-else hat from Susanne Juul, diaphanous Nordic pottery from Keramiker Inge Vincents, and return home with an iconic Vipp bin. If you're still feeling blue, then your bed at the utterly chic Bertrams Guldsmiden or Hotel Alexandra will lift your spirits.



Shop at HAY for a paper fan or bribe your way to a table at Noma, which holds top spot in *The World's 50 Best Restaurants Guide*.

## 6. ADELAIDE AND THE BAROSSA VALLEY, AUSTRALIA

It's hard to compete with both Sydney and Melbourne but Adelaide is doing just that. With its proximity to the scenic Barossa Valley vineyards and the city's food focus, this lesser-known destination is finally climbing up the international trend list. Explore the culinary scene with lunch at stylish La Moka Café or hip(ster) Street ADL, a glass of wine (or two) at deco-inspired Maybe Mae on happening Peel Street or Cantina Sociale, and dinner at the refined and healthy Sean's Kitchen or sought-after Hill of Grace. Search out the latest location of Fork on the Road, the moving feast of food trucks, vans, pop-ups, carts and bikes, and grab coffee at Lucia's at Adelaide Central Market. Every Thursday after 5pm the West End precinct comes alive with Art After Dark — live music, happenings and performances, and exhibitions at Samstag Museum, the JamFactory and Art Gallery of South Australia. Blockbuster festivals, WOMADelaide, SALA, the Adelaide Festival and the Adelaide Film Festival draw culture mavens. Squeeze in a wine tour and sleep at the boutique art hotel The Watson. ▶



**CLOCKWISE** Sean's Kitchen; Adelaide shines by night; vineyards in the Barossa Valley.



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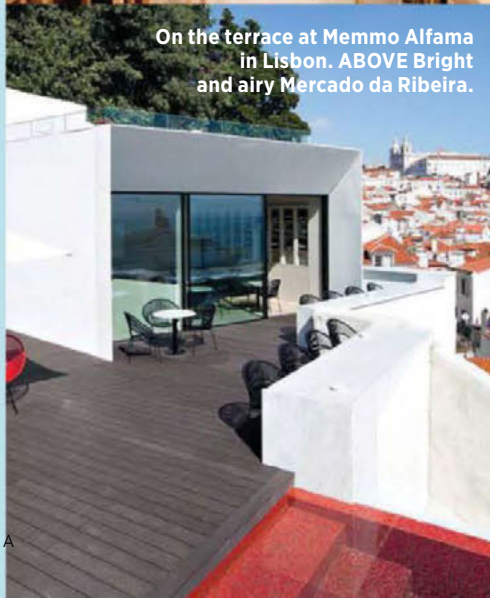
**Ultra-hip** The Surf Lodge in Montauk in the Hamptons is all about enjoying the sun and the sea, and the decor reflects this.

## 7. SAG HARBOR, NEW YORK

Just a jitney away, a jaunt to the Hamptons is the perfect vacation from a New York vacation. Less famous than South- and Bridge-, and East Hampton, the circa 1700s whaling village of Sag Harbor is by far the most charming of the Hampton hamlets. This tasteful little town sports grey, white and charcoal wooden-shingle homes with immaculate lawns that edge the beaches and deer who graze beside boathouses. The main road has excellent coffee made by surly local youths at Sagtown Coffee (including antlers and backgammon), and a hip modern 'general store', Sylvester & Co, where you can buy Turkish towels, blood-orange soap, olive wellies, sea-salt candles and other understated accoutrements. Nonchalance is the name of the game in this village. The cultivated casualness is exemplified in The Dock House, the tiny wooden shack on the pier where you can nosh on clam chowder and soft-shell crabs in insouciant cardboard boxes. Borrow a bicycle, brunch in Amagansett, explore Sagaponack, and sleep a night at ultra-hip The Surf Lodge in Montauk.



On the terrace at Memmo Alfama in Lisbon. ABOVE Bright and airy Mercado da Ribeira.



## 8. PORTUGAL

Portugal's economic bank balance may be in the red but its cultural capital is going through the roof. From the terrace of Memmo Alfama watch the sun set over old Lisbon, once the seat of powerful royal and world explorers, now drawing world attention as a home to designers, architects and chefs. While in Lisbon visit the Museu Nacional de Arte Contemporânea do Chiado, built in the 13th-century São Francisco da Cidade monastery, eat real Portuguese food at the redesigned bright and airy Mercado da Ribeira and patronise award-winning contemporary Restaurante Belcanto. Escape the capital to Parque Pedras Salgadas where architect Luis Rebelo de Andrade has designed world-famous modular eco-cabins and tree houses for tree-hugging aesthetes. End off in Porto, the romantic little red-roofed city on the edge of the western world. Stay at Pensão Favorita and catch a symphony in the rhomboid Rem Koolhaas-designed Casa da Música Porto. Then, of course, drink a little drink called port from around these parts.



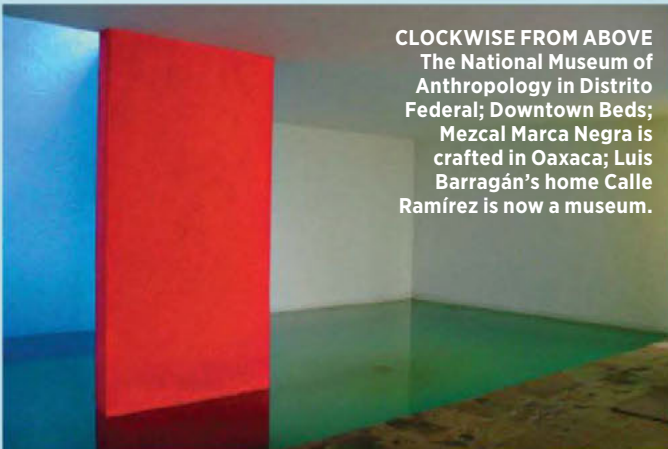
## 9. CAMINO DE SANTIAGO, SPAIN

In *Wheel of Time* filmmaker Werner Herzog captures the remarkable journey of Buddhist devotees who travel across the Himalayas to the Kalachakra initiations one prostration at a time for three years. The Camino de Santiago, an 800km walk across northwestern Spain to the shrine of the apostle St James, is not quite as gruelling, although it depends on how you do it. During the Dark Ages the journey was for ritual penance. Today pilgrims from every religion and region make the plus-minus 30-day walk (or bike ride) for God, for the wine, for exercise, for fun, for charity. What they all find, in the beautiful scenery, is that when you always leave something behind.



## 10. DISTRITO FEDERAL, MEXICO CITY

If modern architecture in the north had a palette of white, grey and beige, Mexican modernism by contrast was a riot of pink, yellow, orange and blue, intense light hitting hard surfaces, concrete drama. The master of Mexican modernism was the engineer Luis Barragán, his home in Distrito Federal, now a museum, is a shrine for architecture pilgrims. The bold colours and silent spaces are also mirrored across other sites — the remarkable luminous convent Capilla de las Capuchinas and the dramatic horse farm Cuadra San Cristobál. No trip to DF (as the locals call it) would be complete without a visit to painter Frida Kahlo's brilliant blue home, to the marvellous mural facades of the Central Library of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, and an afternoon at the National Museum of Anthropology, with its truly astounding collection of antiquities. Mexico City is one of the hip capitals of the world and this is true also of its hotels, especially the Habita Group. Stay in Condesa DF for a quiet but fashionable address or deep in the old city at Downtown (or Downtown Beds, the uber-chic budget hostel). ☐



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The National Museum of Anthropology in Distrito Federal; Downtown Beds; Mezcal Marca Negra is crafted in Oaxaca; Luis Barragán's home Calle Ramírez is now a museum.







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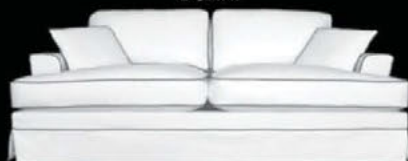
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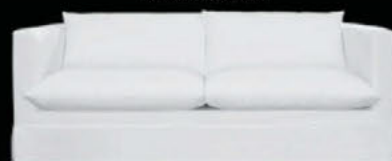
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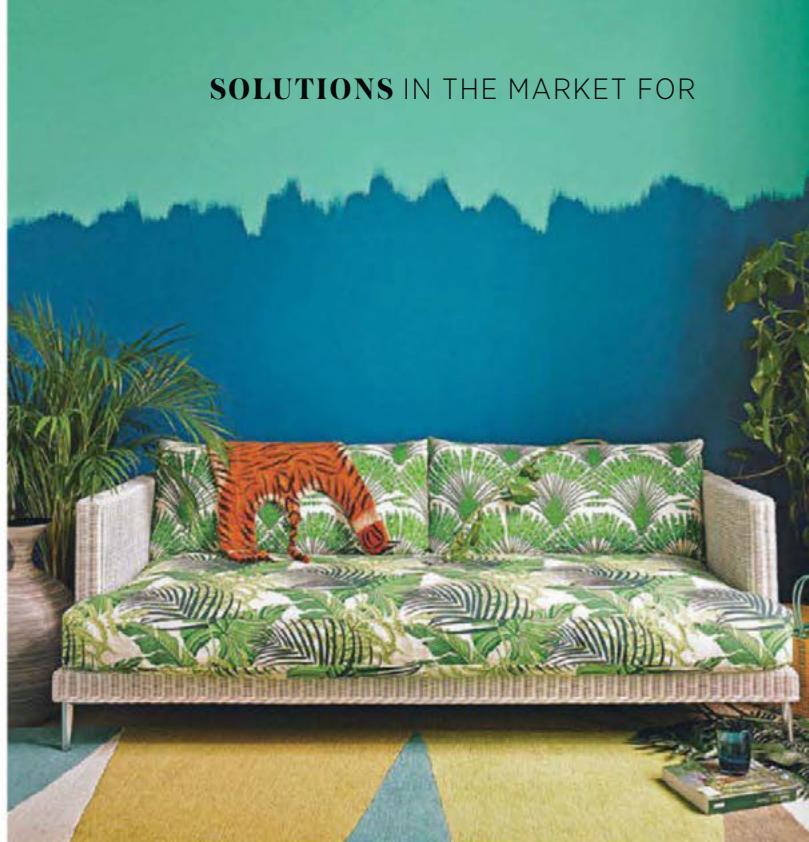




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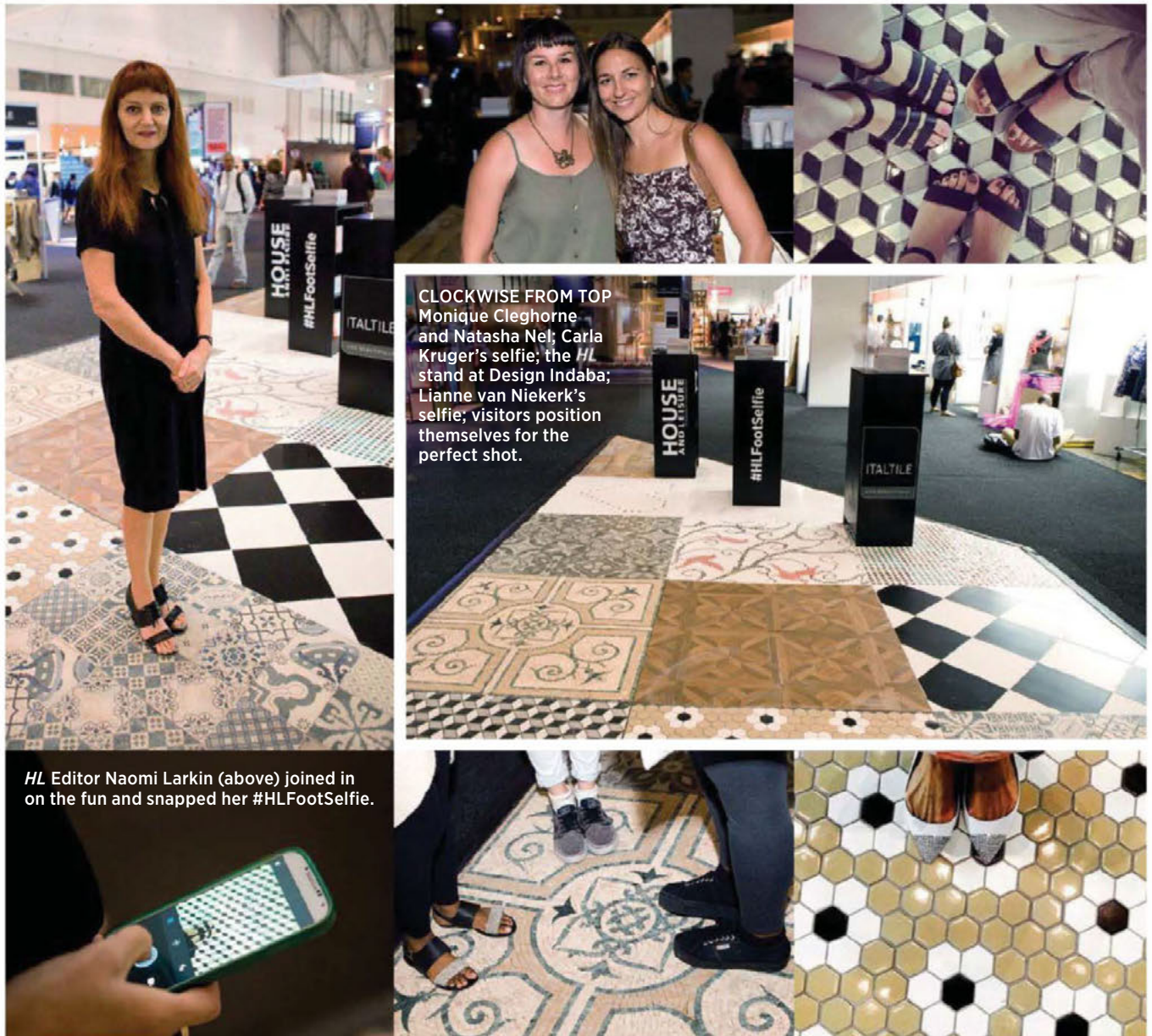


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and Natasha Nel; Carla  
Kruger's selfie; the *HL*  
stand at Design Indaba;  
Lianne van Niekerk's  
selfie; visitors position  
themselves for the  
perfect shot.

*HL* Editor Naomi Larkin (above) joined in  
on the fun and snapped her #HLFootSelfie.

## *HL* at the design indaba expo

This year's Design Indaba was all about putting two feet forward and leaping into the world of creativity so that's just what we asked visitors to the hottest exhibition in South Africa to do with an #HLFootSelfie

Delegates and design aficionados from all over the globe descended on Cape Town to take in the enviable wares on display from local jewellers and illustrators to furniture artisans and even foodies.

This year *HL* partnered with tile- and bathroom-ware specialist Italtile, which created a spread of 12 trending tile designs. Signposts by mywalltattoos.com invited expo visitors to take an #HLFootSelfie on their favourite design and share the image on social media for a chance to win a R10 000 Italtile voucher. Favourite patterns included a graphic box-shaped black and white pattern and Dutch-inspired mosaic slabs.

Naturally *HL*'s Instagram, Facebook and Twitter feeds were quickly filled with shoes, sandals and the occasional bare foot, each atop a beautiful Italtile design.

The winner, chosen with the help of *HL*'s readers, was Anthea Forlee who snapped a young design aficionado enjoying the tile textures underfoot.

**Special thanks go to Italtile ([italtile.co.za](http://italtile.co.za)), William Jacobs Tilers (083-725-5741), mywalltattoos.com and Something Different ([something-different.co.za](http://something-different.co.za)).**

To see the winning photo and all the entries visit [bit.ly/1wPYtjC](http://bit.ly/1wPYtjC)





## SHOW STOPPER

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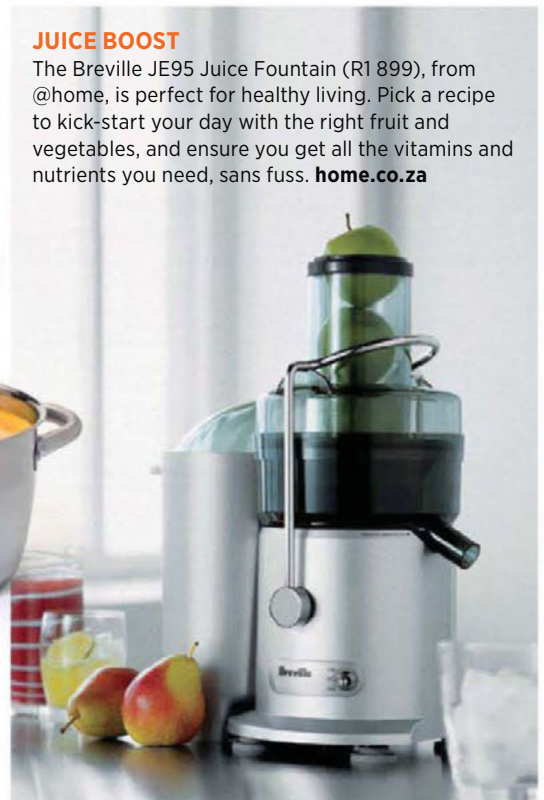


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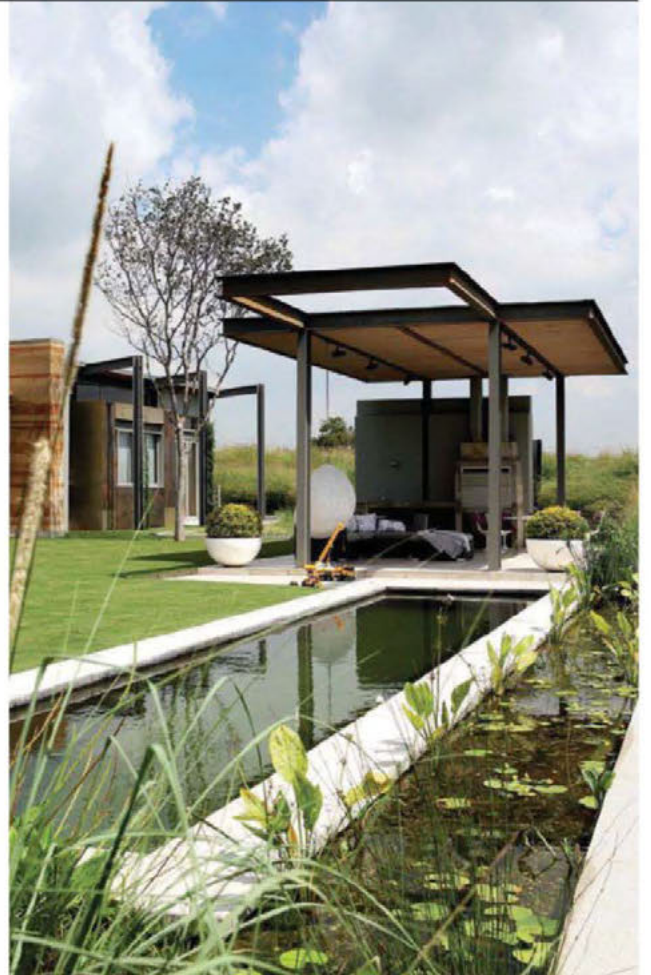
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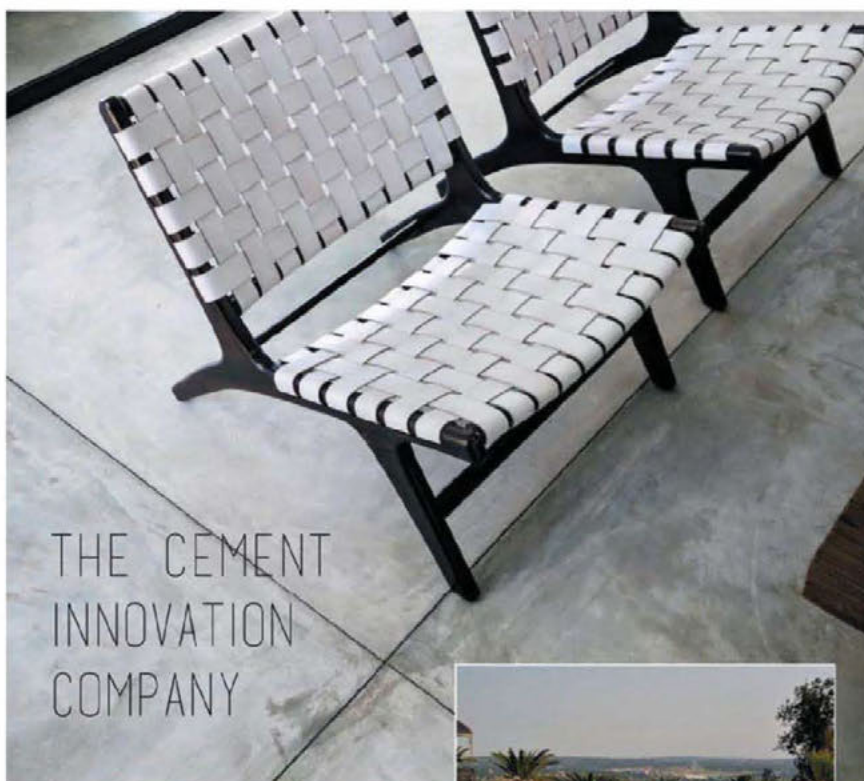
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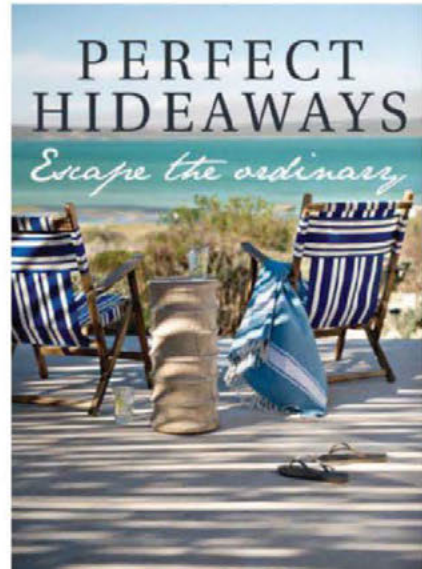


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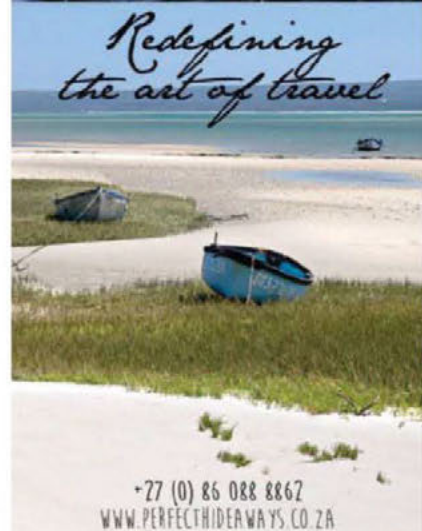
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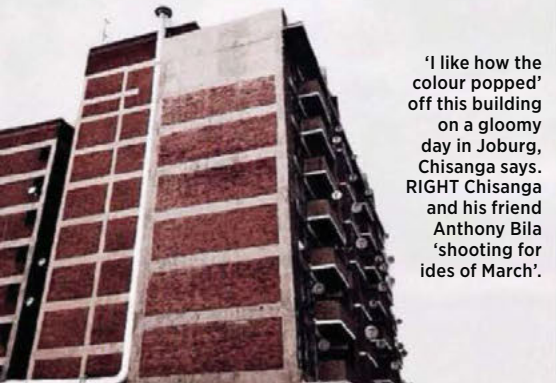
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## LEISURE WEEKEND WITH



'I like how the colour popped' off this building on a gloomy day in Joburg, Chisanga says. RIGHT Chisanga and his friend Anthony Bila 'shooting for ideas of March'.



On weekends Chisanga visits galleries, such as Goodman Gallery in Melville, for inspiration.



Saturday evenings are spent editing his own photography, such as this snap taken while walking in Braamfontein.



Pizza's perfect for Friday nights with friends.

# chisanga mubanga

This photographer and student spends his weekends hanging out with friends and creatives in Jozi's coolest spots

TEXT AND INSTAGRAMS **CHISANGA MUBANGA**

Fridays after class I meet up with friends in Illovo at The Good Luck Club to grab a drink and ease into the weekend. This is always followed by dinner with mates I haven't had a chance to see in the week because of busy schedules. Some of our favourite stops include Andiccio 24 for pizza or Parktown North's Full Stop Cafe.

Saturday mornings start off slowly. I make my way to Braamfontein and grab a flat white at Father Coffee to wake me up. I get to see friends and meet like-minded people who work in that creative space, and I get a weekly bulletin of the 'happenings' in Jozi.

The next stop is Goodman Gallery – references are important for my work. I find that any idea I can't explain through pictures I look to art to help express. I make an effort at least once a month to go out and look at art. We regularly browse neighbourhood stores such as Micogram Music Traders record shop. Next up it's

Wolves café for mozzarella, chicken and avo spring rolls – I have this at least twice a week. Saturday evenings are spent editing and packaging personal work. I take so many photos so this is my time to look through and process them. This is my favourite part of the day. Brand work is cool but personal work is where the magic happens.

On Sundays you'll find me in front of my washing machine doing all the week's laundry. I also like to sneak in a shoot with a friend of mine. We scout for new locations in different parts of the city. Locations are everything for what we do and are just as important as the subject. I head home and end my weekend with the 8pm movie before the madness starts again. ☺

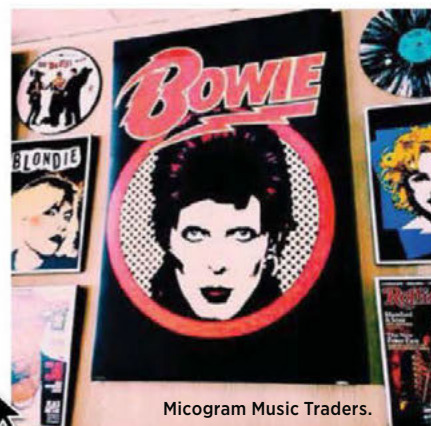
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